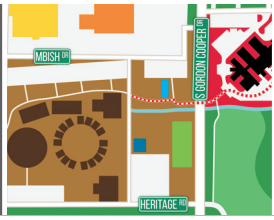




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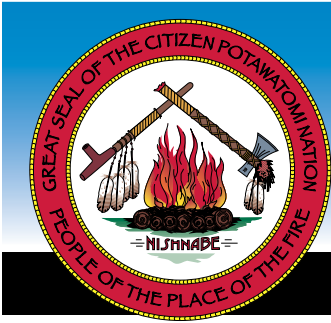
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CPN voters to decide District 13 election

A message from District 13 incumbent Bobbi Bowden

Once again, I respectfully ask for your vote so I may continue to serve you, the members of our great Nation.

I hope for the opportunity to continue to work with our Tribe's leaders towards a bright future for our Tribe so we can continue to provide the benefits to our members that so many of us need.

I would also like to see these benefits continue to expand to include more services to our elders as well as continued support of higher education to our members. I am honored to have worked with the other legislators for the past eight years and hope for the opportunity to continue to do so.

I hope I have earned your trust and support, but most importantly take the time to vote. Make your voice heard. Your vote is vital.

I appreciate the continued support of my colleagues and their positive remarks and messages. Whatever the outcome, I have gotten more out of my service than what I put in. When my service began on the CPN Business Committee eight years ago, I had no idea what amazing things I was about to learn and be a part of.

I wish to *thank you all* for that opportunity and I look forward to continuing to learn and grow as a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.



Bowden with her family at the CPN Eagle Aviary.

A message from District 13 challenger Samuel Navarre

Bozho ginwa,

This is my last opportunity to address our people before the June election, and I would be wrong to forget our Grandfather Teachings of humility and respect. I would most like to say *Kché Migwetth* to those who have taken the time to talk with me about our future and those who have given me their support in our Potawatomi endeavors. You guys are the reason I will never stop helping our people, you give my life purpose. The *Hownikan* staff has been a tremendous help, also, with editing and of course informing everyone. I would also like to thank Bobbi Bowden for running a friendly campaign. *Migwetth* Bobbi! Sometimes in elections, we forget that we are all in this together. I am not out to beat anyone, I want for us all to win in the end.

For me, winning means we will have more knowledge to pass down to our next generations: historical Potawatomi knowledge, Tribal

business knowledge, and real Native wisdom. When I think of our ancestors who found death in battle defending our Potawatomi lifeways, and those who were marched across the continent to struggle in a distant land, I know we owe it to them to honor their names and have something they brought to pass on to our descendants. It is respect for them, respect for each other and respect for ourselves that will strengthen our Tribe.

My name is Sam Navarre. I am *Neshnabé*. My time as an employee at CPN taught me how to improve our Tribal businesses. My lifetime in Indian Country has taught me that I have what is needed to help my Tribal members, and how much I want to see them happy. I have the Native education both mentally and spiritually to stand up and represent my People, and I humbly ask that you choose me to represent our Tribe as your next District 13 legislator.

A-ho!



Navarre at the 2013 Gathering of Potawatomi Nations.

Lehman shows the way into the dance arena



The man waving the white towel is how many Festival-goers know Arena Director Coby Lehman. Positioned ahead of the CPN Veterans Color Guard, Lehman's signal is what begins Grand Entry at the annual CPN Family Festival Powwow.

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Bobbi Bowden, District 13 incumbent

What are some issues you'll focus on if re-elected?

"I would like to see additional housing and care provided for our elders. Expand the meal delivery service outside of the Shawnee area as well as provide additional transportation to our elders as needed. I am very proud of the educational opportunities we are able to offer our Tribal members. I would like to see that continue to increase.

"If I am fortunate enough to be re-elected and continue to serve our Nation I will do my very best to get the information on services and benefits out to our members as well as share any and all information I learn on traditions. I will always listen to members' concerns and do my best to get answers for any questions you might have. I will continue to ask questions, I will continue to learn and share my experiences in the hopes of getting more of our members involved in traditions as well as benefit from the services we are able to provide."

What is the greatest threat you see facing Indian Country as a whole?

"At this time the conflict with the

State of Oklahoma and the City of Shawnee. The outcome of these issues will set precedence for other tribes in our state and the effect on their enterprises as well.

"This will not stop in Shawnee or Pottawatomie County and, in my opinion, is a definite threat to Indian Country as a whole. Whether I am re-elected or not, I will continue to do everything I am able to do to support our leaders as this conflict continues."

In your opinion, what is the greatest challenge facing the Tribe?

"The greatest challenge facing the Tribe at this time is the rapid growth of our enrollment. While it is exciting to see our Nation grow to more than 32,000 members, we must continue to grow our enterprises and increase our revenue so we are able to continue to provide the services which so many benefit from and depend on. These benefits include prescriptions, medical services and scholarships to provide education for our future leaders, just to name a few. In order to do this, the legislative branch must continue to work together with our executive leaders to ensure continued success of our enterprises so we may continue to provide benefits to our membership."



Bobbi Bowden

Sam Navarre, District 13 challenger



Samuel Navarre

In your opinion, what is the greatest challenge facing the Tribe?

"The greatest challenge facing us will be our transition when the chairman and vice-chairman retire. We will need people who are qualified and trustworthy to be prepared to step in and fill the roles without expecting to have total control. We want someone who is after the responsibility and not the paycheck. I will argue for term limits and a reduced salary to help prevent greed and irresponsibility from entering the offices. Of course the top positions deserve to be compensated, but not at the same rate as someone who has more than 20-years' experience."

What is the greatest threat you see facing Indian Country as a whole?

"Simple. The continued assimilation of the North American Indian by the federal government. Some do not realize that the Indian Wars of the 1800s never ended. If we all forget our language, our culture and our history we will no longer be eligible for sovereign status because we will no longer have any of the requirements

to be federally recognized, and we will just fade into assimilated culture. It is happening to every tribe in North America."

How would you increase awareness and knowledge about CPN across the state to tribal and non-tribal populations?

"The short answer is I would use the assets we already have. I consider myself an asset when it comes to promoting Native issues and awareness. I sometimes feel like those who regularly speak to me should be earning college credit towards a Native Studies degree, I am that pro-active in that regard.

"I have already discussed the possibility of holding meetings at several locations in Oklahoma. Some are located on tribal properties of other Oklahoma tribes. This would increase our relationships with other tribes. Wouldn't you guys who play hand game love to play against another tribe like it was originally intended? We can do that. The only thing holding us back is ourselves."

Sacred Heart open for tours during Festival

One of the staples of the Family Reunion Festival is open to visiting Tribal members again, with CPN Cultural Heritage Center Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Jeremy Arnette conducting half day tours at Sacred Heart Mission.

The Roman Catholic Mission once served the needs of Citizen Potawatomi people upon the Tribe's formative years in what was then Indian Territory just east of Asher, Okla. It served as a place of worship for Tribal members during the Oklahoma allotment period before eventually adding a school for boys and girls, along with a college for young men entering the ministry. In addition to basic services such as holding mass, the church was also used for weddings and funerals. Sacred Heart was also the home of



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

the nineteenth and early twentieth century publication, the *Indian Advocate*, whose stated mission was to "promote the spiritual as well as the temporal welfare of the Indian race."

On the tour guests will visit the mission grounds, the current church and the cemetery used exclusively for the Citizen Potawatomi. Be sure and wear sturdy shoes and comfy clothing. Bring sunblock if you burn easily, however the CHC staff will provide water and bug spray.

There are tours on both Saturday and Sunday during Family Reunion Festival. Space is limited and the vans leave promptly at 8 a.m. from the Cultural Heritage Center. For more information call 405-878-5830.

Updated FireLake Golf Course ready for summer golfers

Attendees who love the links won't be disappointed by the progress at FireLake Golf Course this year, as participants in this year's Festival will get a firsthand look at the ongoing progress towards a new clubhouse.

Course improvements on holes number 2, 6, 7 and 16 will also give Potawatomi golfers an opportunity to salvage some shots on Shawnee, Okla.'s only public golf course.

There will be no night golf tournament this year. On Sat., June 27 at 7:30 a.m. registration for the FireLake Family Reunion Festival Golf Tournament begins.

For the kids too young to compete in the night and day tournaments or those adult golfers who only trust their short game, FireLake Mini-Putt hosts the annual mini-putt tournament for Potawatomi of all ages. Located just West across the street from FireLake Golf Course and east of Raymond Peltier R.V. Park, the covered 36-hole mini-putt course allows young and old a slower-paced and shorter location to get out of the sun on the Festival's final day.

To learn more about these two tournaments, please visit the FireLake Golf Course Facebook page or call 405-275-4471.



Beverly Fentress tees off on number 17.

Legal Notice

To Native American Farmers or Ranchers or the heir of one who was denied a USDA farm loan or loan servicing between 1981 and late 1999

Some funds paid in settlement of *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* remain unclaimed and will be distributed in accordance with a process established by the Court. The case claimed that USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The Court seeks input from class members about how the remaining funds should be distributed. Of the \$680 million paid to settle the case, approximately \$380 million remains. The Settlement Agreement approved by the Court directs that unclaimed funds be given to non-profit organizations to serve Native American farmers and ranchers.

The deadline to file a claim has passed. **There is no new claims process.**

Who is included?

The Class *includes* all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to do so between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; and
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

The class *does not include* individuals who:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23 1997; or
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

Proposed use of the Funds

There are several competing options for how to distribute the funds.

First, Plaintiffs propose to modify the Settlement Agreement, subject to Court approval, to distribute the funds as follows:

- \$342 million distributed by a Trust, overseen by Native American leaders, to non-profit groups to serve Native farmers & ranchers over a 20 year period.

- \$38 million be distributed quickly to non-profit organizations serving Native farmers & ranchers, identified by Class Counsel and approved by the Court.

The Trust would make grants to organizations providing business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, or advocacy services to Native American farmers and ranchers, including those seeking to become farmers or ranchers, to support and promote their continued engagement in agriculture. The USDA has agreed with this proposal.

Second, Marilyn Keepseagle proposes to distribute all remaining funds as additional damages paid to successful Track A claimants alone. The USDA opposes this proposal.

Third, other class members have asked to use the funds to pay claims that were initially denied or to permit new claims to be filed.

Fourth, the Choctaw Nation has argued that no changes should be made.

How can I share my views?

If you want to tell the Court of your support of or opposition to any proposal for use of the remaining funds, you may submit written comments, postmarked no later than **June 15, 2015**, to:

Chambers of the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

The Court will hold a hearing on **June 29, 2015 at 9:00 AM EDT** in Courtroom 24A at the address above. If you want to speak to the Court in person, you may attend the hearing. Your written comments will be considered by the Court even if you do not attend the hearing.

For more detailed information call 1-888-233-5506 or see

www.IndianFarmClass.com

Family Festival: Now and then

This article originally ran in the June 2013 Hownikan.

As the Family Reunion Festival approaches, CPN members from across the country will descend on the old Tribal grounds south of Shawnee, Okla. to see family and participate in the festivities. More than a decade ago though, the participation of Potawatomi at the event wasn't a guarantee. CPN hosted one of the region's more popular powwows, drawing Native Americans from a host of Native Nations travelling from across the country to compete in its highly competitive dance competitions. That popularity came at a cost however, with Potawatomi often ending up as spectators at many of the event's activities.

"I remember that at one point, it was just too much. We were feeding everyone who came out, whether they were Native American or people from the towns around here," said Tribal elder Mary Powell.

After decades hosting one of the premier powwows in the region, Tribal leaders made the decision to change the event to a family reunion of sorts, open only to CPN's enrolled members. At the urging of Tribal Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett, in 1998 the powwow became the Family Reunion Festival, with a



Chairman Barrett and Vice-Chairman Capps lead Grand Entry during a 1980s Inter-Tribal Powwow.

distinct change in the format.

"Yes some people were upset, both in and outside the Tribe," added Tribal elder Beverly Hughes. "But it was the right thing to do. While the Tribe was hosting the event and funding it, our people weren't getting to fully participate."

A common theme amongst those discussing the change from an open powwow to the current CPN Family Festival was that the absence of Potawatomi in the dance competitions.

"Our Tribe didn't have a lot of dancers like others who were

coming to compete here. This kind of reinforced itself, resulting in our own people not wanting to dance in the competitions," explained Vice-Chairman Linda Capps. "All told we were spending over \$100,000 to put on the event and decided that we needed to focus it more for the benefit our Tribal members."

While dancing remained a centerpiece to the festivities, cultural demonstrations were implemented to teach CPN members about their heritage. Classes on ribbon shirt making, beading, language classes and fan making were all started to teach Tribal members about

Potawatomi culture.

Outside of the dancing, other competitions including basketball and volleyball tournaments, archery and Potawatomi hand games began.

During the old powwow, CPN members often described the difficulty in identifying fellow Tribal members amongst the thousands of other Native Americans in attendance. To rectify this, the revamped Family Reunion Festival began honoring eight "original families" at each year's event. With the help of the staff from Tribal Rolls and the CPN Cultural Heritage Center, members of honored families have the opportunity to visit distant relatives and perhaps meet new ones at the Festival.

As always, the annual event includes a powwow, but now Potawatomi are competing.

"Right before we changed it, Chairman Barrett said that the last time he went into Grand Entry and looked around, he realized that there were no Potawatomi in the circle," recalled Powell. "They were all up in the stands watching. It isn't like that today. Nowadays, the biggest concern is that people are wearing traditional clothing and not just tank tops and sandals."

Tourism destinations during Festival

While the prime destination during the annual Family Reunion Festival is CPN headquarters, the areas within a short driving distance of the Tribe's home are also worth a visit. Here are a few locales worth checking out if you are here before or after the Festival activities.



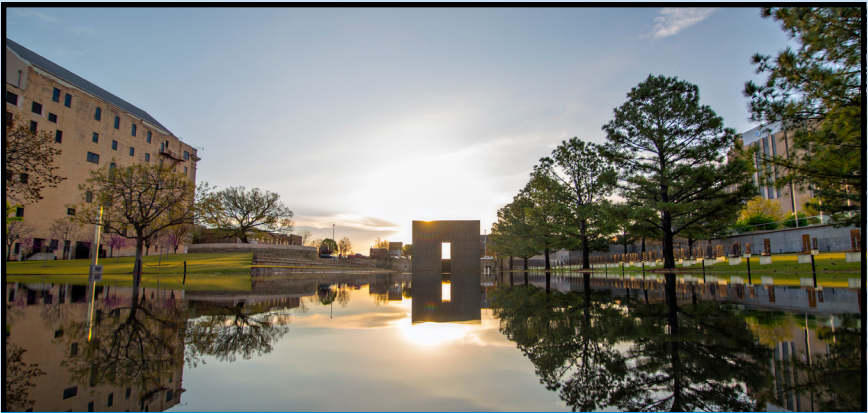
The Oklahoma State Capitol complex
2300 N Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Adorned with the statue "The Guardian," the statehouse complex is not just where budget holes are hurriedly filled; it is also home to numerous pieces of art. Many of these pieces touch on the state's rich history with Native America, including CPN artist Woody Crumbo's "Starlight", which was gifted to the capitol's art gallery by Tribal Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett in 2005.



The Oklahoma History Center
800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Just a short walk northeast from the state capitol, the Oklahoma History Center is home to thousands of artifacts and other historical pieces chronicling the Sooner State. The center also houses more than a century's worth of newspapers from the pre and post-statehood eras, making it a great place to do some genealogy research. Allan Houser's "Unconquered" Apache warriors stand watch on its eastern entrance.



The Oklahoma City National Memorial
620 N Harvey Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73102

The site of Oklahoma's darkest day, the memorial is a somber, respectful reminder of the tragedy that took the lives of 168 people in the heart of Oklahoma City. The adjoining museum recently underwent a large scale renovation that offers visitors from all over the world an insight into the circumstances and events before and after the country's most devastating terrorist attack prior Sept. 11, 2001.



The Pottawatomie County Museum
614 E. Main, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

Housed in the former Santa Fe Depot train station in downtown Shawnee, the museum is an excellent resource for all things Pottawatomie County. For those wanting to learn more about the county bearing the, albeit misspelled name of the Potawatomi people, this is your destination just a few minutes' drive from CPN headquarters.

Health screenings available at Festival

The CPN Health Services will be open for business Friday and Saturday during the Family Reunion Festival. Established patients can call and schedule appointments during Festival and most departments will be accepting new patients. Those interested in having appointments are encouraged to schedule them as soon as possible at 405-273-5236 as space is limited. Tribal members are encouraged to tour the health services facilities around the Tribal grounds and the two CPN Health Clinics where departments will distribute patient education materials and prizes.

Behavioral Health Clinic: Located behind the CPN East Clinic on Fr. Joe Murphy Drive, clinic staff will offer patient education and refreshments.

Business and Contract Health: The department's office has moved to a brand new building located behind the West Clinic on Interstate 40 behind the Grand Casino Hotel and Resort. CPN members are encouraged to stop in, grab refreshments and take a tour of the new building.

CPN Wellness Center

CPN Wellness Center services: "We are doing a superhero theme this year at the wellness center during Family Reunion Festival," said Manager Leslie Cooper. "We will host the annual 5K run or walk at 7 a.m. on Saturday. We will also have diabetes bingo and hand out fresh fruit and water during the three day event."

Betty Nicholson, CPN Dietitian, will be present all weekend giving out valuable information about diabetes.

"Kids are encouraged to come play diabetes bingo because they are at risk just like adults," said Nicholson.

Also at the wellness center CPN RN Certified Foot Care Nurse, Chris Jolley, will host a foot care Q&A. Employees will offer Tanita



An array of CPN Health Services staff will be on hand to serve Tribal patrons during Festival 2015.

Body Fat Analysis and will have a photo booth on site. CPN Physical Therapist, James Bailey will provide handouts and a Q&A about the physical therapy program.

Dietitians and healthy living: CPN Dietitians Torie Fuller MS RD/LD and Rochelle Plummer MS RD/LD will host a cooking demonstration for all ages on Saturday at the wellness center. The two will also be handing out free produce from the CPN Community Garden at the Festival grounds and at the childhood wellness event.

Community Health Representatives: CHR's will operate a first aid booth at the Festival grounds where licensed staff offer first aid needs to attendees. The first aid tent hours are Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

CPN East Clinic

East Clinic Benefits and Intake: Staff will check patients in and hand out prizes to visitors.

Blood pressure checks: Nursing staff will offer blood pressure checks in the East clinic.

Dental Clinic: Out of town patients can call and establish dental care at the new dental clinic office at 405-273-6337 while a limited number of spots are reserved for walk-ins. The dental staff will also have a table set up with oral health education and free goodie bags filled with hygiene supplies.

Mammography and ultrasound: Both services are available to CPN members who have already established care with one of CPN health providers. These visits will require a provider appointment. Established CPN patients needing a mammogram must call and make an appointment and bring previous records with them.

Clinic Laboratory: Staff will offer tours of the labs at each location with handouts from the instrument manufacturers for patient education.

Medical Records: Staff will be handing out prizes, answering questions and directing members where to go. **Optometry Clinic:** Clinic staff will see new patients and distribute prizes. Tribal members are encouraged to stop by and see the brand new

optometry equipment and selection of frames.

Public Health: Having taken the theme of "Gathering the Family for Food" this year, the department has compiled a cookbook from the patrons and employees of the CPN Health Services that will be handed out to CPN members on a first come, first serve basis. The title of the cookbook will be the "Three Sisters Cookbook." The Public Health staff also made aprons that will be drawn for at the end of the day on Saturday. The aprons will be mailed to the winner after Festival.

Elders' Nutrition Program: Doors are closed Friday of Festival so staff have time to prepare all the meals for Festival weekend. Dinner will be served at the festival grounds Friday night. Saturday will include breakfast lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast and lunch will be available.

CPN West Clinic

West Clinic Staff will greet visitors at the door with prizes, snacks and refreshments. They will answer questions and direct members in the right direction for their needs.

West Clinic Lab: Clinic staff will offer tours of the lab with handouts from the instrument manufacturers for patient education.

"We welcome everyone to come and see how much the CPN Health Services have grown to meet the needs of our CPN tribal members," said CPN East Clinic Manager, Brandee Smith. "We wish everyone a memorable and safe CPN Festival 2015."

For more information please contact the CPN East Clinic at 405-273-5236.



WHERE TO STAY DURING FESTIVAL 2015

If you are planning to attend the Family Reunion Festival, start making reservations for lodging. Here are some places in proximity to Tribal headquarters.

Grand Casino Hotel and Resort
777 Grand Casino Blvd.
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 964-7777

Hampton Inn
4851 N. Kickapoo
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-1540

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
4909 N. Union
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-8880

La Quinta Inn and Suites
5401 Enterprise Court
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-7930

America's Best Value Inn
4900 N. Harrison
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-4404

Comfort Inn & Suites
5400 Enterprise Court
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 273-8667

Citizen Potawatomi Nation RV Park
1702 S. Gordon
Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
(405) 878-5830

Days Inn
5107 N. Harrison
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-6720

Motel 6
4981 N. Harrison
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-5310

Super 8 Motel
5104 N. Harrison
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-0089

Heart of Oklahoma Expo RV park
Highway 177 & Leo
Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-7020

Traditional Hand Games open to all

While regalia, dancing and drumming are a focus of the powwow on Saturday night of the three day CPN Family Reunion Festival, Friday night offers attendees an opportunity to compete and win prizes to the beat of a different drum. To participate, all one needs to do is join a team and follow a simple set of instructions.

Though each year many teams are already organized prior to Festival between families, legislative districts and other associations, individual hand game players can still find a team, as an at-large team is always put together the night of the competition.

The hand games are a traditional Potawatomi game played between different bands, clans and families and involved wagers placed on each team.

One individual from a team called a picker competes against two from the opposition, called hidere. The hidere each have a bead, which they mix up between their hands behind their back. Once ready, they put their hands forward and the picker from the other team points with a decorative stick at which hands they believe the beads are in.

The hidden beads can only be hidden in one of four combinations; inside hands, outside hands, left hands or right hands.

To score a point for their team, the



Karen and Robert Richey of the powerhouse District 2 Hand Games team compete in 2014.

picker must correctly choose the two hands the beads are in, with no credit earned for one correct hand. Games go to a score of nine, but can sometimes take up to an hour.

Throughout the competition, in which several games take place at the same time, a drum circle and singers serenade the games. With so many teams taking place each year,

the games can last for several hours.

Prizes are distributed to the winning team, though nothing can top being known as the CPN Hand Games champions for the whole year.

If you would like to watch or participate in the Hand Games competition, report to the Round House next to the CPN Powwow

arena following dinner on Fri. June 26, 2015 where Tribal Chairman John “Rocky” Barrett will begin competition.

#CPNFest15

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Arts, crafts and more at the CHC June 26-27

Tribal members and their families are given the opportunity to work on regalia and share techniques with fellow Potawatomi at Festival each year. During Friday and Saturday of the annual event, the Cultural Heritage Center hosts regalia making classes where items such as shawls, moccasins, medallions and bandoliers are crafted.



You are never too young to begin learning how to craft your own powwow regalia.

“We’ve really tried to make our regalia and craft making supplies readily available in the FireLake Gift Shop,” said CHC Director Dr. Kelli Mosteller. “There are a lot more prepackaged and individually priced items that we have on the gift shop floor for customers to easily look at. We anticipate having the same schedule last year with all of the regalia making classes such as applique, quill earring, moccasins, shawl and fringing, medallion beading and several more.”

The CHC will host arts and crafts activities all day Fri., June 26. Both morning and afternoon sessions are open with a break for lunch in between. On Saturday the classes will only occur in the morning as all activities are ceased for General Council on Saturday afternoon.

“We encourage everyone to enter the art contests and we hope to see lots of people making regalia at one of the classes this year,” said Dr. Mosteller.

Along with regalia making classes Tribal members have the opportunity to enter their works in adult and children’s art competitions.

All enrolled CPN Tribal Members over the age of 16 are eligible to enter the adult art competition. All entries must be of an “Indian Heritage” theme. Entries must be the work of the artist without assistance

and must have been completed within two years of the art competition date. Eligible artists must submit their art at the Cultural Heritage Center prior to the General Council meeting on Saturday afternoon. Entries will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day. Each artist is limited to, but not required to submit three entries.

Only one prize will be awarded to each contestant. Any contestant that wins more than one prize will be awarded only the higher of the prizes. There will be two categories, ‘photography or painting’ and

‘other’. Art show submissions will be on display Saturday at the Cultural Heritage Center.

Complete exhibits at the Cultural Heritage Center will not be displayed as the museum is still undergoing reconstruction resulting from the 2014 flood.

CPN Eagle Aviary Managers Jennifer Randell and Bree Dunham will also be at the CHC with Myanabe, the Potawatomi golden eagle, after lunch on Sat., June 27 before General Council.

For more information please contact the Cultural Heritage Center at 405-878-5830.



To learn more about creating one's own regalia, scan this QR Code.

Watch Oklahoma skies for local birds

Family Reunion Festival brings together families from across the world to reflect and learn about Potawatomi history at the Tribal headquarters in Oklahoma. Aside from studying the Tribal archives and practices, another way to share Potawatomi culture is by connecting with wildlife.

During the summer, Oklahoma is home to more than 120 species of birds. Kites, eagles, flickers and woodpeckers are all within view during Festival.

A common sight is Oklahoma’s state bird, the Scissor-tailed flycatcher. Adults have greyish heads and backs, white underparts and light orange flanks with dark silver wings. Their namesake, the long scissor-like tails, are almost longer than the bird’s

body, making them unmistakable and hard to miss.

Although called Mississippi Kites, Oklahoma is home to the most concentrated group of these birds in the nation. The small but fierce kites are silver and grey, feeding on insects and small reptiles. They spend winter in South America and summers in Oklahoma and are known to be very protective and will attack perceived threats, so keep a good distance when watching.

Ruby throated and black chinned hummingbirds are readily seen in

Pottawatomie County. The small, colorful bird has a deep and rich history in Potawatomi folklore and is said to show how to overcome the impossible, bringing joy into life and representing happiness in the world.

The Red-tailed hawk is also a common mid-summer sight along Oklahoma’s rural roads. Females are always bigger than males, while Oklahoma Red-tailed hawks have no markings on their chest. Bird watchers can make out their unmistakable reddish brown tails while they are “making lazy circles in the sky.”



Hummingbird



Scissortail flycatcher



Harris hawk



CPN Veterans Report: June 2015

Bozho,

In 2014, the CPN Veterans Organization’s Color Guard had a busy year. We presented the colors for several parades and special events throughout Oklahoma. They included the Senior Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol, at the Grand Event Center, the Department of Human Services Senior Day at Embassy Suites in Norman, Extreme Fight Inaugural Boxing Night at the FireLake Arena, the Wanette City Parade, Grand Entry for our annual Festival, the Shawnee City Parade, the Tecumseh Frontier Days Parade, the Inter-Tribal Gaming Commission Conference, the Inter-Tribal Health Conference, the Inter-Tribal Emergency Management Conference all at the Grand Event Center, the Wewoka

Sorghum Days Parade and Holiday Dinner at the North Reunion Hall.

Whew! A very busy year. So far we have invitations for several events in 2015. We will provide the 21 gun salute for the Memorial Day Ceremony at Resthaven Cemetery in Shawnee, Inter-tribal Emergency Management Conference at the FireLake Arena, Grand Entry for our annual Festival, the Vietnam Era Veterans Banquet at the Grand Event Center and the Multi-Tribal Powwow at Payne County Expo Center in Stillwater.

So, CPN veterans are being well represented by our very busy Color Guard.

There has been a request for veteran stories for a “Legacies Project.” The nonprofit organization Historical Outreach Foundation has launched the Legacies Project, which is a

database dedicated to the preservation and sharing of our nation’s veterans’ stories. Any active duty, veteran or family member is encouraged to help to tell these stories. The goal is to ensure that the future generations never forget these incredible histories. There is no charge to participate. To start preserving history or to donate, visit the Veterans Legacies website at www.veteranslegacies.com.

Don’t forget about our Vietnam Era Veterans Banquet 26 September 2015 at 5 p.m. at the Grand Event Center, located at the Grand Casino Hotel Resort in Shawnee, Okla. Deadline for reservations is 15 July

2015. If you plan to stay at the Grand Casino Hotel Resort, be sure to make your reservation early and mention Vietnam Era Banquet for the discount. Call (405) 964-7777.

Remember the CPN Veterans Organization meets every month on the fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m. (or as soon as you can get there) in the North Reunion Hall on the Potawatomi Powwow Grounds. All CPN veterans and their families are welcome. A meal is provided.

Daryl Talbot, Commander



Tribal Tag Agency Open Saturday June 27

The CPN Tribal Tag Agency will be open from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Sat. June 27, 2015 for Tribal members during the 2015 Family Reunion Festival.

Language with Justin

By Justin Neely,
Director, CPN Language
Department

Bozho Jayek (Hello everyone)

Welcome to the 2015 Citizen Potawatomi Nation Family Reunion Festival! We have some exciting news to share with you about the language this year!

We have been working hard developing an online course in the Potawatomi language. Housed online at language.potawatomi.org, the course will be open to the public in August 2015. It will consist of beginning, intermediate, and advanced courses.

Originally only the beginner version will open and then about six months later we should have the intermediate course up. Each course has four main units, and each unit comprises ten lessons. Through online lectures, interactive exercises, games, cultural teachings and various other activities, you are given the opportunity to learn *Bodéwadmimwen*, the Potawatomi language.

To help you out in this journey, we would like to introduce you to Mesho, a traditional Potawatomi elder, and Newi, his grandson, who has just started to become aware and interested in his Tribal heritage. Thanks to Mesho, Newi and this language course, you will soon have the opportunity to learn *Bodéwadmimwen* at your own pace and convenience, at any time of the day and night, whether you live in Oklahoma, California, or abroad. *Migwetch!*



Mesho and Newi are some of the new faces at the language department.

We also continue to work with the children in the CPN Child Development Center who recently won first place at the University of Oklahoma Native American Language Fair for their large group song presentation. We are extremely proud of the three year old class and the mixed four and five year old classes. The afterschool kids got an honorable mention for their video submission on why there is daylight. That video can be seen here: tinyurl.com/CPNLang2015.

We are going to be having a number of classes this year at the Festival. These times are still tentative, so consult the final schedule when you arrive.

Nyano gishek- Friday
3 p.m. - Potawatomi language conversation class (North Reunion Hall)

Odanke gishek- Saturday

10 a.m. - Potawatomi language immersion class (North Reunion Hall)
12 p.m. - Potawatomi language Bingo (North Reunion hall)

1:30 p.m. - Potawatomi Children’s language class (Administration building/Child Development Center)

Numa gishek- Sunday
12 p.m. - Hymnals in the Potawatomi language (at the old church)

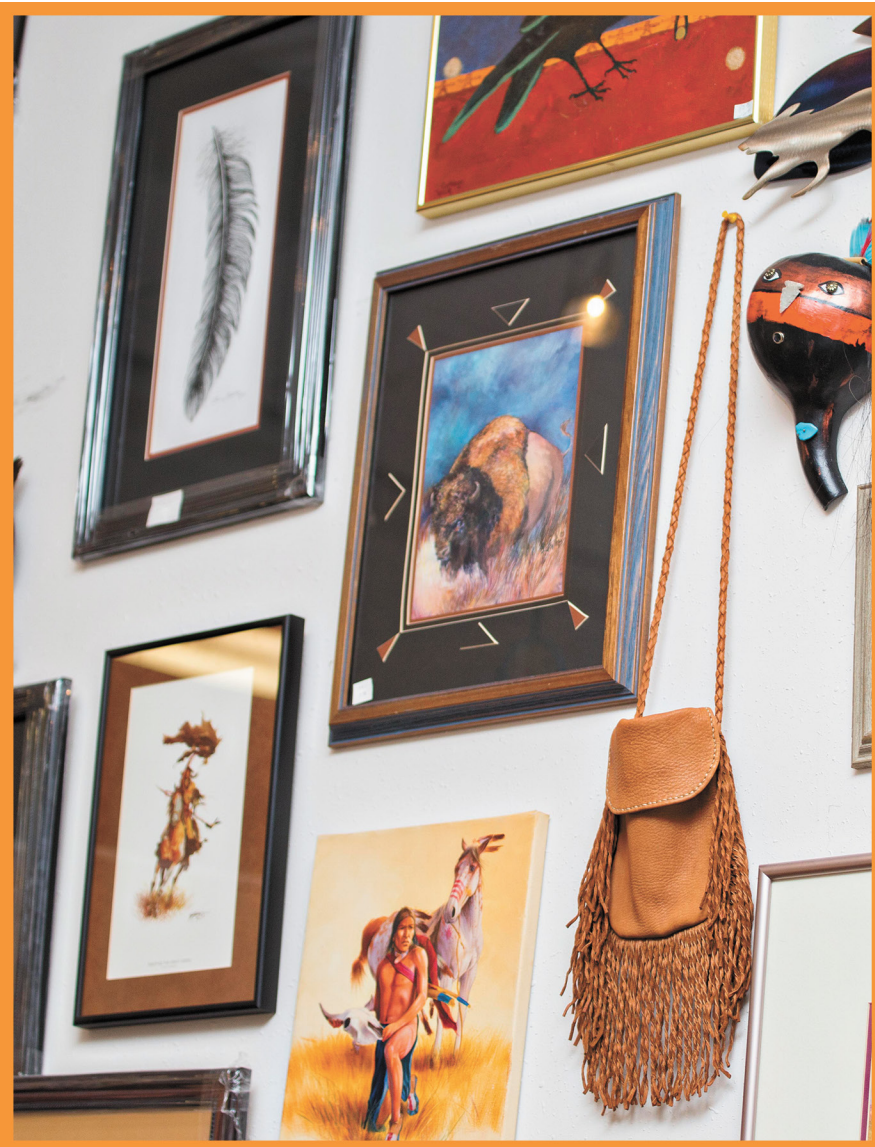
Here are a few basic words and phrases to have for the upcoming Festival. Look inside your festival bag for a longer list of phrases.

Migwetch - Thanks (Mee-gwehch)
Igwien - Thanks (a heartfelt thank you) (Ee-guhwe-in)
Konege - Yes (southern word) (Ko-nuh- gay)
Ehe - Yes (northern word) (Eh hah)
Kyenep - Hurry (Kay –nup)

Bozho - Hello (Bo zhoe)
Bama pi - Later on (Bahmah pee)
Mine kedon - Say it again. (Meenuh kuhdoen)
Shkena! - Geez (Shkay-nah)
Ni je ngom zagech? - How is the weather? today? (Knee juh ngome zah gech)
Mno gishget - It’s a nice day (Mino geeshget)
Gmowen - It’s raining. (Gmoe in)
Gshatemget - It’s hot (Gshot-dam- get)
Jigwek bmosewat - Thunders are walking (Jeeg wack buhmosaywaht)
Byan shode - Come here (Beyawn show duh)
Dokem - Be quiet (Doe kum)
Nasena - Be careful (Nah suh nah)
Mno waben - Good morning (Mino wabin)
Mno gishnawkwe - Good afternoon. (Mino geeshnow kway)
Ni je na? How are you? (Knee juh nah)
Anwe she shena. - I’m fine. (Anway shu shena)
Ndaknoga. - I’m sick. (Ndack no gah)
Ndeykwes - I’m tired. (Nduh yuck kwis)



Go behind the scenes with the CPN Language Department here.



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Festival Registration

As the Festival nears, the Tribal administration and employees welcome all members of our great Nation back home. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's enterprises and programs remain successful. Because of this, CPN is enhancing and improving the programs serving Tribal members, both in Oklahoma and across the U.S. We hope that while here for the Family Reunion Festival, you will take the time to get answers to all your questions about these programs and tour the CPN facilities.

Registration will be located at the west entrance of FireLake Arena. The arena is located just north of the Festival Grounds near the Ball Fields and FireLake Discount Foods. At registration you will receive a name badge, which must be worn throughout Festival and a Festival packet. Please limit guests to Citizen Potawatomi Nation members, immediate family or those living in the household.

Festival guests must register for Festival. There will not be online registration for 2015.

F.A.Q.s ABOUT FAMILY REUNION FESTIVAL



When is Festival?
June 26-28. It is always the last weekend of June.



Can I bring my neighbor?
Festival is for CPN members and their immediate family [those dependents living in the home of the Tribal member].



Do Potawatomi members get a discount at the Grand Hotel during the festival?
Yes, the rate is \$89 per night with their CDIB card. But book early! **405.964.7777**
grandresortok.com/hotel



What are the ages for children to participate at the Child Development Center?
Children need to be 15-years old or younger.



What do I wear in the dance arena?
Women should wear a skirt with a shawl and men should wear slacks and a ribbon shirt.



Can I bring my dog into the arena?
No, there are no dogs allowed. The arena is a sacred area.



How to report a lost child at Festival?
At every gate there is either a security officer or a police officer. Report a missing child to the nearest officer or call Tribal Police at **405.878.4818** and they will help you find your child.



How do I vote?
Voting takes place at the Tribal Courtroom on Saturday from 7AM to 2PM. Tribal ID is required to vote.

Ladies only on the Péski’a field

Similar to *pegnegewen* (stick ball), *péski’a* or double-ball is a Potawatomi sport played solely by women. Played for recreation, communal prestige, spiritual reverence and healing, *bagjegejek* (players) are equipped with their own *bagwzhanatek* (ball stick) and divided amongst two even teams based on their moiety, *shkesh* (first-born) and *kishko* (second-born). *Péski’a* is played on a large open field, with a goal post at each end. Using their customized sticks, *bagjegejek*

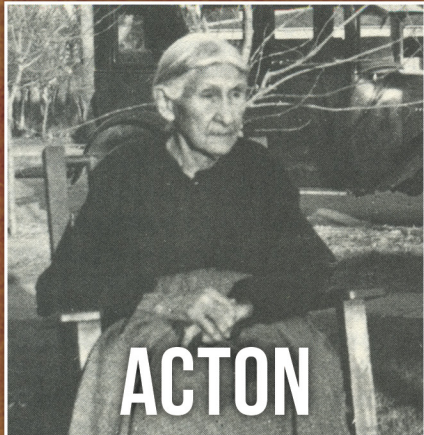


Péski’a or double-ball - Courtesy of the Denver Public Library.

attempt to score points by catching, carrying and throwing a *nishopkwakwet* (double ball) at an opponent’s goal post, the first team to score 12 points wins. Played throughout the year, customary feasts are hosted to prepare and accumulate prizes for upcoming games. Traditionally, only adult women could play, due to extreme physical gameplay.

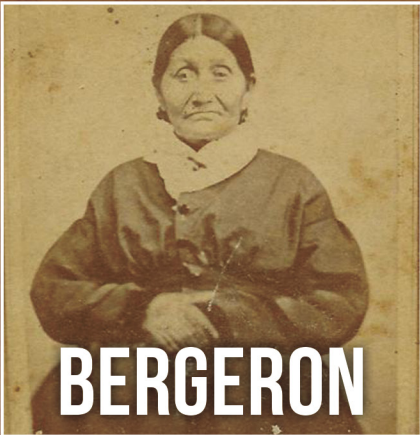
Check out more Potawatomi history and culture at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center Facebook page each Wednesday for #WayBackWednesday.

2015 HONORED FAMILIES



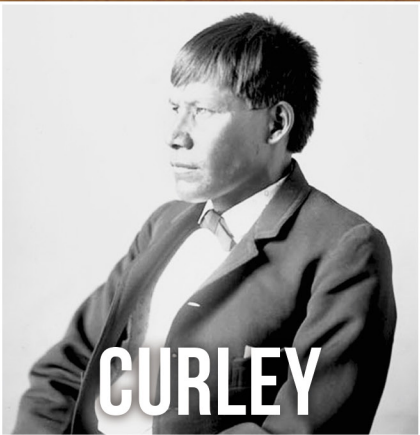
ACTON

Angeline Bellaire Acton was the second wife of James Acton Sr. (whose first wife was Madeline Oscum). Acton family tribal members come from both these marriages.



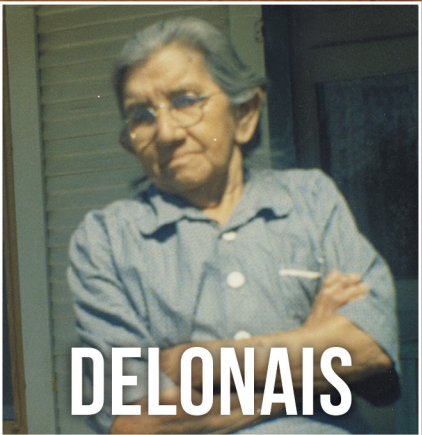
BERGERON

Watcheke was born about 1810 in northern Michigan and died around 1875 in Wanette, Indian Territory. She was the daughter of Potawatomi Chief Shabbona.



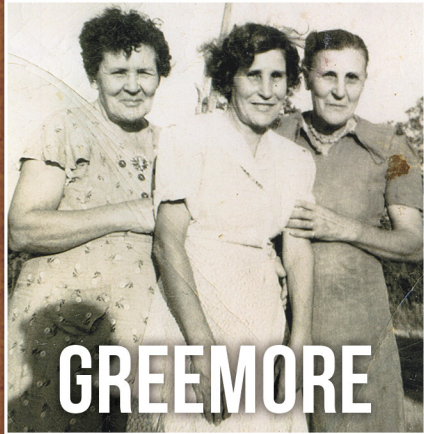
CURLEY

Peter Curley was one of the youngest interpreters and delegates of the 1898 Potawatomi delegation to Washington D.C.



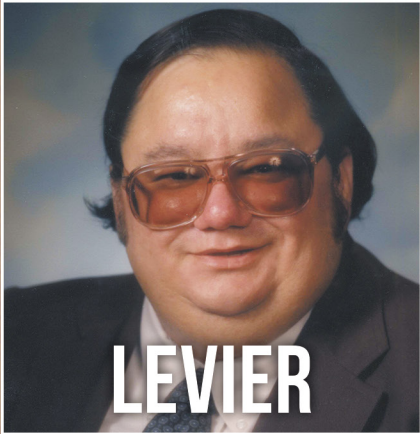
DELONAI

Mary Shopwatuck married Xavier DeLonais. She and her family grew up around the Sacred Heart area. Most a of the DeLonais family in our enrollment comes from this union.



GREEMORE

Isabelle “Belle” Greemore Stites, Martha Evelyn Greemore Stinger and Clarissa May Greemore Stites are the daughters of Peter Basil Greemore.



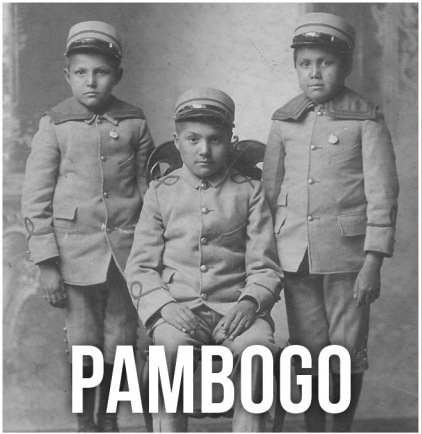
LEVIER

Dr. Francis Levier was a Councilman and Tribal Administrator from 1985-1990, during a period of Tribal renewal.



NEGAHNQUET

Standing is Albert Negahnquet, the first full-blood Native American Roman Catholic priest in the U.S. To the right of Albert is his father Stephen Negahnquet. This photo was taken at Sacred Heart.



PAMBOGO

The three sons of John Baptist Pambogo, signer of the 1861 treaty.



FAMILY INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

FRIDAY JUNE, 26

8am - 5pm • All veteran and family interviews in Cultural Heritage Center Studio

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 - HONORED FAMILY INTERVIEWS

STATION 1

ACTON

CURLEY

GREEMORE

NEGAHNQUET

8AM - 9:15AM

9:30AM - 10:45AM

11AM - 12:15PM

1:15PM - 2:30PM

STATION 2

BERGERON

DELONAI

LEVIER

PAMBOGO

SUNDAY JUNE, 28

8am - Noon • All veteran and family interviews in Cultural Heritage Center Studio

SATURDAY

7:00 A.M. **Cultural Heritage Center**
Aviary tours begin. Tours are each hour with the last tour beginning at 11 a.m. Bus leaves from the Cultural Heritage Center.

Tribal Headquarters
Voting opens • until 2 p.m. - Tribal Courtroom
Tribal ID Cards being printed • until 2 p.m.

Wellness Center
5K Fun Run/Walk - Meet at Wellness Center
FireLake Wellness Center Open House • until 3 p.m.

FireLake Arena
Tribal ID Cards being printed • until 3 p.m.

7:30 A.M. **Powwow Grounds**
Breakfast • served until 9 a.m.

FireLake Golf Course
Golf Tournament Registration Begins • Participation limited to first 100

BDC Gun Room
Registration for Bullseye Pistol Match

8:00 A.M. **Clinics**
East and West Clinics open • until 3 p.m.

Cultural Heritage Center
Acton Honored Family Interviews - Studio • until 9:15 a.m.
Bergeron Honored Family Interviews - Studio • until 9:15 a.m.
Veterans' Meeting
Sacred Heart Walking Tour • transportation to site provided
Cultural Heritage Center Parking lot
FireLake Gifts opens • until 2:30 p.m. • reopens at 5 p.m.

FireLake Arena
Registration Begins • until 8 p.m. - West side Arena
Census and emergency contact update - West side of Arena

Pavilions
Fry Bread Making Demonstration and Competition

Tag Agency
Tag Office open • until 3 p.m.

BDC Gun Room
Bullseye Pistol Match 1st Relay

8:30 A.M. **FireLake Golf Course**
Golf Tournament • Four person teams

Clinics
Health Fair • until 3 p.m. - Health Services at East and West Clinic

South Reunion Hall
Children's Fingerprinting • until 5:30 p.m.

9:00 A.M. **Cultural Heritage Center**
Adult Art Competition Registration • until noon • winners announced at General Council
Quill Earring Making Class • until noon
Shawl/Fringing Class • until noon • charge to buy a blank shawl/free to watch
Beadwork Class • until noon
Appliqué Class • until noon
Moccasin Making Class • until 1 p.m. • \$40 for supplies - limited to first 15 people

Reunion Hall
Founding Family Film Festival • until noon

The P.L.A.C.E.
3 on 3 Basketball Tournament • 15 & older

BDC Gun Room
Bullseye Pistol Match 2nd Relay
Children's Archery Practice

Kids Activities
Youth Arts & Crafts • until 11:30 a.m. - Tribal Headquarters
Youth Basketball 3 on 3 • 14 & under - Tribal Headquarters
Kiddie Land - Powwow Grounds
Swimming Pool at Powwow grounds open • until 5 p.m.

9:15 A.M. **Cultural Heritage Center**
Curley Honored Family Interviews - Studio • until 9:15 a.m.
DeLonais Honored Family Interviews - Studio • until 9:15 a.m.

10:00 A.M. **BDC Gun Room**
Archery Competition
Bullseye Pistol Match 3rd Relay

Cultural Heritage Center
Flute playing demonstration & flute showcase

Pavilions
Fry Bread served • until 6:30 p.m.

North Reunion Hall
Potawatomi language immersion class

Powwow Grounds
Hot dogs, Bratwursts, Smoked Bologna • until 10 p.m. - Located at concessions throughout the Powwow Grounds

Kids Activities
Swimming Pool open • until 5 p.m. - Tribal Headquarters
Children's Art Competition • CPN members only - Tent located south side of FireLake Water Tower

10:30 A.M. **Cultural Heritage Center**
Greemore Honored Family Interviews - Studio • until 9:15 a.m.
2015 Levier Honored Family Interviews - Studio • until 9:15 a.m.

11:00 A.M. **Ballfields**
Softball Tournament
Youth Softball Throwing Contest • 14 & under

Wellness Center
Cooking Demo

11:30 A.M. **Powwow Grounds**
Lunch • served until 1 p.m.

Pavilions
Corn Soup • served until 1 p.m.

NOON **North Reunion Hall**
Potawatomi language bingo

1:00 P.M. **Cultural Heritage Center**
Eagle demonstration • until 2:15 p.m.
Negahnquet Honored Family Interviews - Studio • until 9:15 a.m.
Pambogo Honored Family Interviews - Studio • until 9:15 a.m.
Flute Playing Demonstration and Flute Showcase • until 2:30 p.m.

Kids Activity
Youth Arts & Crafts • until 4 p.m. - Tribal Headquarters

1:30 P.M. **North Reunion Hall**
Potawatomi Children's language class

3:00 P.M. **FireLake Arena**
General Council • Registration will be closed during this time

5:00 P.M. **Cultural Heritage Center**
Tribal Heritage Family and Veterans Interviews
Firelake Gifts reopens • until 6 p.m.

Reunion Hall
Founding Family Film Festival

Tribal Headquarters
Swimming Pool closed for the day

Powwow Grounds
Swimming Pool closed for the day

5:30 P.M. **Powwow Grounds**
Gourd Dancing
Dinner • served until 7:30 p.m.

6:00 P.M. **Cultural Heritage Center**
Cultural Heritage Center closes for the day

8:00 P.M. **Powwow Grounds**
Grand Entry - Dance

****CONTEST EVENTS ARE OPEN TO CPN MEMBERS ONLY****

SUNDAY

7:00 A.M. **Sharp House**
Traditional Ceremonies - Prayer Circle

7:30 A.M. **Powwow Grounds**
Breakfast • served until 10 a.m.

8:00 A.M. **Cultural Heritage Center**
Sacred Heart Walking Tour • transportation to site provided
Cultural Heritage Center Parking lot
Tribal Heritage Family & Veterans Interviews • until noon
Founding Family Film Festival
FireLake Gifts open • until noon
Aviary tours begin. Tours are each hour with the last tour beginning at 11 a.m. Bus leaves from the Cultural Heritage Center.

9:00 A.M. **Kid Activities**
Youth Arts & Crafts • until 11:30 a.m. - Tribal Headquarters
Kiddie Land - Powwow Grounds

10:00 A.M. **Kids Activity**
Swimming Pool at Powwow Grounds open • until 2 p.m.

10:30 A.M. **Clinic**
Church Services - Church just north of Health Clinic

11:30 A.M. **Powwow Grounds**
Lunch • served until 1 p.m.

NOON **FireLake Mini-Putt**
Mini-Putt Registration

Old Church
Hymnals in Potawatomi

12:30 P.M. **Cultural Heritage Center**
Cultural Heritage Center closes for the weekend

1:00 P.M. **FireLake Mini-Putt**
Mini-Putt Tournament

3:00 P.M. **Dance Arena**
Volleyball

****CONTEST EVENTS ARE OPEN TO CPN MEMBERS ONLY****
****SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

2015 FAMILY REUNION FESTIVAL

BDC GUN ROOM

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KIDS ACTIVITIES

SQUIRREL CREEK

GOLF COURSE

RV PARKING NO CARS

ROUND HOUSE

DANCE ARENA

NORTH REUNION HALL

POOL

MINI PUTT

PARKING NO RVs

VENDORS

SOUTH REUNION HALL

HERITAGE RD

PRAYER CIRCLE

SHARP HOUSE

RANGELINE RD

DR LEON COMBS DR



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THE P.L.A.C.E.

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- POWWOW GROUNDS
- TRIBAL HEADQUARTERS
- PARKING
- RV PARKING
- COOL DOWN AREAS
 - ARENA
 - SOUTH REUNION HALL
- FIRST AID STATIONS
 - NORTH REUNION HALL
 - CLINIC
- FUEL
- RESTROOMS
- TORNADO SHELTER
 - ARENA
- TRIBAL POLICE
- INFORMATION BOOTH

<p>6:00 A.M. Wellness Center Wellness Center Open House • until 5 p.m.</p> <p>7:00 A.M. Cultural Heritage Center Aviary tours begin. Tours are each hour with the last tour beginning at 11 a.m. Bus leaves from the Cultural Heritage Center.</p> <p>8:00 A.M. FireLake Arena Registration begins • ends at 9 p.m. Census and Emergency Contact Update Tribal ID Cards being printed • until 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Cultural Heritage Center Tribal Heritage Family and Veterans Interviews • until 5:30 p.m. FireLake Gifts open • until 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Clinics East and West Clinics open • until 5 p.m.</p> <p>8:30 A.M. South Reunion Hall Children's Fingerprinting • until 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>9:00 A.M. Cultural Heritage Center Quill Earring Making Class • until noon Shawl/Fringing Class • until noon • charge to buy a blank shawl/free to watch Beadwork Class • until noon Appliqué Class • until noon Moccasin Making Class • until 1 p.m. • \$40 for supplies - limited to first 15 people</p> <p>Kids Activities Youth Arts & Crafts • until 11:30 a.m. - Tribal Headquarters Kiddie Land - Powwow Grounds Swimming Pool at Powwow grounds opens • until 9 p.m.</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Powwow Grounds Hot dogs, Bratwursts, Smoked Bologna • until 10 p.m. - Located at concessions throughout the Powwow Grounds Fry Bread served • until 6:30 p.m. - Pavilions</p> <p>Ballfields Softball Tournament Sign-Up • 14 & older</p> <p>Cultural Heritage Center Flute playing demonstration and flute showcase • until noon</p> <p>Tribal Headquarters - Kids Activities Swimming Pool open • until 7 p.m. Coloring Contest • 3-10 yrs old Chess and Checkers sign-ups • 15 & under</p> <p>11:00 A.M. Powwow Grounds Registration for Adult & Teenage Pool Tournament • until 12:30 p.m. - Youth Tent on Powwow Grounds</p> <p>11:30 A.M. Pavilions Corn Soup • served until 1 p.m.</p> <p>NOON Powwow Grounds Vendors Arts & Crafts & Food</p>	<p>1:00 P.M. Cultural Heritage Center Eagle demonstration • until 3 p.m. Quill Earring Making Class • until 4 p.m. Shawl/Fringing Class • until 4 p.m. • charge to buy a blank shawl/free to watch Beadwork Class • until 4 p.m. Appliqué Class • until 4 p.m. Moccasin Making Class • until 5:15 p.m.</p> <p>Reunion Hall Founding Family Film Festival • until 4 p.m.</p> <p>Powwow Grounds Adult & Teenage Pool Tournament • 16 & older - Tent located at south side of Firelake Water Tower</p> <p>Tribal Headquarters - Kids Activities Youth Arts & Crafts • until 4 p.m. Children's Activities • 14 & under Chess and Checkers • 15 & under</p> <p>2:00 P.M. Cultural Heritage Center Flute Playing Demonstration and Flute Showcase • until 4 p.m.</p> <p>3:00 P.M. North Reunion Hall Potawatomi language conversation class</p> <p>5:00 P.M. Game Pavilions Chess Tournament • west of North Reunion Hall</p> <p>North Reunion Hall Beginner Potawatomi Language Class • until 6 p.m.</p> <p>5:30 P.M. Food Pavilions Dinner • served until 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Round House Flag Retirement Ceremony - West side of round house</p> <p>Cultural Heritage Center Closed for the night</p> <p>6:00 P.M. Game Pavilions Domino Tournament • west of North Reunion Hall</p> <p>Sharps Campgrounds Horseshoe Tournament</p> <p>Bowling Center Doors open for bowling event</p> <p>6:30 P.M. Roundhouse Traditional Hand Games</p> <p>7:00 P.M. Game Pavilions Checkers Tournament • west of North Reunion Hall</p> <p>Powwow Grounds Dance Under the Stars and Dance Contest • Live DJ - Tent located at south side of Firelake Water Tower</p> <p>**CONTEST EVENTS ARE OPEN TO CPN MEMBERS ONLY**</p>
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Tribal Election Information

WHO CAN VOTE

CPN MEMBERS 18 OR OLDER ON ELECTION DAY CAN VOTE IN TRIBAL ELECTIONS.

WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT FOR THIS YEAR'S ELECTION?

DISTRICT 10, 11 AND 13 LEGISLATIVE RACES AND THE ANNUAL TRIBAL BUDGET.

HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

BALLOT REQUEST FORMS ARE MAILED OUT TO EACH ELIGIBLE VOTER AHEAD OF THE JUNE ELECTIONS. FILL OUT THE FORM AND RETURN IT BY THE VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE.

WHO CAN VOTE FOR DISTRICT 10, 11 AND 13 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES?

ALL CPN MEMBERS RESIDING IN OKLAHOMA CAN VOTE FOR EACH LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE. AS OKLAHOMA'S LEGISLATORS ARE CHOSEN AT-LARGE.

HOW DO I KNOW WHO TO VOTE FOR?

THE HOWNIKAN WILL FEATURE CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THE VIEWS OF POTENTIAL TRIBAL LEADERS.

WHEN DOES VOTING TAKE PLACE?

VOTING TAKES PLACE SAT., JUNE 27, 2015 AT FAMILY FESTIVAL. ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAN BE CAST PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY.

Lehman shows the way into the dance arena

The man waving the white towel is how many Festival-goers know Arena Director Coby Lehman. Positioned ahead of the CPN Veterans Color Guard, Lehman's signal is what begins Grand Entry at the annual CPN Family Festival Powwow. Lehman has served as the arena director following several years of winning the men's dance contest. His experience on the powwow circuit led Vice-Chairman Linda Capps to request he sacrifice competing to teach Potawatomi on the proper etiquette in the dance arena.

"My uncles Roman and Richmond Harjo were champion straight dancers and gourd dancers in the 1970s and early 1980s. I always admired them for that, and they took me under their wing, so I learned from two of the best," said Lehman.

He is old and wise enough to recall the times when, as he puts it, "The Potawatomi Inter-tribal Powwow was the biggest in the U.S. You had the best dancers from all over the U.S. and Canada coming down here to compete and win prize money. It was a sight to see and learn in."

As he got older, the prodigious athlete's interest in dancing faded as he spent his summers on the ball fields representing the powerhouse Asher High School Baseball Program. Upon returning to Ada, Okla. after college, Lehman met brothers Brad and Rick Greenwood, who knew of his time in the powwow arena. After some prodding, the Greenwoods convinced him to join their drum group, Eagle Cry, which sang northern style. At a performance with the group in the town of Seminole, Okla., Lehman was introduced to Bear Roberts, a champion traditional dancer, who recruited the Curly-family descendant to his own family's drum Little Eagle Drum Group. Joining the

Roberts' drum group was a seminal moment for Lehman.

"Bear's brother, Michael Roberts, who became my best friend, explained that they traveled all over the country to powwows, where they were singing and dancing, and asked

At that point, Lehman was strictly a singer with the Little Eagle group. In a powwow in Harbor Springs, Mich. though, an opportunity presented itself. In the traditional dance competition, the four top dancers received cash prizes. However, only two entrants were in the competition.



Coby Lehman in Sharon Hoogstraten's "Dancing for My Tribe" exhibition.

if I was interested in that," recalled Lehman with a chuckle. "All I had was a truck payment, so from there it just went for a good ten years where we were all over the U.S. and Canada with the Little Eagle Singers."

Michael Roberts, a world champion fancy dancer in his own right, had an extra traditional dance outfit and encouraged Lehman to enter.

"He made the very good point that I'd win money just for competing,"

said Lehman. "So, I used his outfit and got second place. That spawned my getting back into dancing."

Though he admits he had a hard time placing that first summer, Lehman immersed himself into the extensive training regimen necessary to compete with the best dancers in North America. He became a regular top finisher in powwows around the continent. Of the many honors he received, Lehman takes special pride in his first place finish in northern traditional at the United Tribes Powwow in Bismarck, N.D.

"You have to look at it as a sport nowadays. People train year round to be champion dancers. They have to. You may be dancing for two or three minutes a song, but powwows can go all night. I regularly had to wait until the early morning hours before my dance took place," Lehman said.

It is that understanding and seriousness that makes Lehman an ideal arena director for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Dancing, singing and proper arena etiquette remain unfamiliar to many Potawatomi who take part in the annual Family Reunion Festival Powwow.

"A lot of our old ways have been lost here, so I always encourage people who want to join the powwow and dance to make sure they're one with the Creator. Pray on it, because they say it comes to you and you'll know.

"Make sure your mind is right, your body is clean from drugs or alcohol, and that this is something you want to pursue seriously. This isn't just a weekend deal that you just forget about the rest of the year until Festival rolls around again. When you're doing this, it is something our ancestors did, and you want to make them proud."

Congratulations spring 2015 graduates!

Bethany DeShane Bruno
Hugo, Oklahoma
Family: Bruno
Southeastern Oklahoma State University
BA in Psychology, BA in Sociology
Cum Laude

Corinn J. Garrison
Seminole, Alabama
Family: Nedeau
Troy University
BS of Business Administration with a minor in General Business

Virginia Ann Godfrey
Saint Paul, Minnesota
Family: Bergeron
University of Minnesota Morris
BA in American Indian Studies and Psychology

Melissa Dawn Thomas
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Family: Willmette/Trombla
Oklahoma City Community College
Sociology

Susanna Nila Basappa
Birmingham, Alabama
Family: Juneau/Yott/Vieux
University of San Francisco
B.S. in Chemistry with a minor in Japanese Studies
Attending the Mayo Medical school for their MD/PhD combined program (Class of 2023).

Lauren Bickford
Olathe, Kansas
Family: Navarre/Burns/Martin
Benedictine College
BS Biology, BA in Spanish

Tribal registration and IDs

CPN members and members of their households who've been to Family Reunion Festival before should know the process of acquiring badges to get on Tribal grounds.

Like last year, registration for the Festival will be on the West side of FireLake Arena. All members of the household for each CPN tribal member must be present and their name must be in the tribal roll database.

Tribal members may need to have a state issued I.D. or know the last four digits of their Social Security number to help make the process go by smoother. Registration begins at 8 a.m. on Friday June 26, 2015.

Tribal Rolls will be held at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. For those requesting tribal membership, a state certified birth certificate

will need to be present as well as a complete tribal enrollment form filled out. Tribal membership is a lengthy procedure and Family Reunion Festival is a prime time for individuals not already a member to begin the process of becoming CPN. Forms can be downloaded online at <http://www.potawatomi.org/services/citizenship>.

For more information contact the Tribal Rolls department at 405-878-5835.

FireLake Arena hosts LEPC Prepare Fair

When disaster strikes, the Pottawatomie County Local Emergency Planning Committee wants the local community to know what to do. FireLake Arena hosted the second annual LEPC Prepare Fair, providing first responders and emergency response professionals the opportunity to educate and

Mike Potter, Chairman for the LEPC, said, “Tim Zientek and the Emergency Management of Citizen Potawatomi Nation have been wonderful partners with all of the local first responders in Pottawatomie County. Tim suggested using FireLake Arena for the prepare fair and we couldn’t be happier with having the event here. I



The Tulsa Life Flight helicopter takes off at the LEPC Prepare Fair at FireLake Arena.

interact with the community on how they can be ready for severe weather, house fires and create plans for families to follow if their house gets hit by a tornado.

can’t say enough about how Citizen Potawatomi Nation helps out in the community and the first responders, except thank you.”

Every county in the state of Oklahoma is required to have a Local Emergency Planning Committee, or LEPC. In Pottawatomie County, the LEPC is comprised of any business or individual in the area interested in making the county a safer place to live. The group is funded by a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Tim Zientek, has served as Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s LEPC representative for the past 15 years.

Several different agencies from around the community were in attendance, including the Tecumseh and Shawnee fire departments. Also attending were The 63rd Civil Support team, the KWTN News 9 storm tracker, local Red Cross emergency management staff, the Oklahoma State Health Department, Oklahoma Medical Reserve Core, Oklahoma Geological Survey and Tecumseh Insurance.

“This is how we help the community to plan for the ‘what ifs’ in life. In Oklahoma these matters happen more often than not,” said Zientek. “Having FireLake Arena host the event shows the willingness CPN has to be a part of the community and help out.”

Typically, LEPCs are the first responders to emergencies in their particular counties. For instance, if there were an oil spill, a waste leak or even a train derailment in the area, the LEPC would be amongst the first group on the scene.

For more information please search for the LEPC Facebook page under Pottawatomie County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

FireLodge Youth update: June 2015

By Darin Greene, Coordinator, FireLodge Tribal Youth

Summer has broken at the P.L.A.C.E. and the “place” is, and for the next few months will be activities central. The Tribal Youth Program started its summer day camp with activities for approximately 50 registered students. The planned summer activities include several trips to the newly finished Shawnee Public Pool and Splash Park which is located in downtown Shawnee. Many don’t know, but the CPN

celebrate National Dairy Month and a round of doughnuts for National Doughnut Day. We also plan on giving them a firsthand glimpse at the great barbeque from the chefs up here at the P.L.A.C.E.

To start July, the Tribal youth also did team building exercises with the Kaboom Imaginary Playground. We’ll continue their physical activities throughout the month by flag football, volleyball and conducting horseshoes championship. We’ll also make our regular visits to FireLake Bowling



Wamblee Donahue sits on his throne made from the Imagination Playground.

Tribal Government donated \$100,000 to the pool project a few years ago, and I promise that our youth will get every penny out of using it this summer!

Center and FireLake Mini-Putt.

For our summer projects and community service, the youth continue to break bread with Potawatomi elders who participate in our Title VI program. As part of the community service, they’ll also continue working in in the community garden hosted at the CPN Eagle Aviary.

The arts and crafts project was for Father’s Day was a tie with a poem on it by the participants.

We’re staying busy but we’re always interested in having new participants, so if you would like to learn more about the FireLodge Tribal Youth program, feel free to contact me at dgreene@potawatomi.org.

Summer would not be complete without food. In July the Tribal youth will have ice cream to

Day of Champions football camp taking applications for June 29-30

Each June, campers comprised of Potawatomi tribal members and children of Tribal employees gather at FireLake Ball Fields to take part in the now annual tradition of the Day of Champions Football Camp.

Last year, 90 campers spent two days going through drills, playing games and learning leadership from coaches with a vast array of professional, collegiate and high school experience. Of those 90 campers, 85 percent were Native Americans, of which 70 percent were Citizen Potawatomi.

Though the camp centers on football skills, its purpose is far from being focused on gridiron action.

“Coaches work very hard to instill life skills into the minds of the campers,” said Sarah Lawerance, a CPN Fitness Trainer and organizer of the camp. “They teach the kids

about the four main principals of the camp; discipline, trust, respect and hard work. The examples they give are as simple as showing that discipline can mean being the student sat at the front of the class, or saying ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ as a sign of respect.”

The camp is led by former collegiate coach Ken Heupel and his son, former OU standout and current Utah State University Offensive Coordinator Josh Heupel. The camp’s other staff members are all former collegiate or professional players and coaches themselves, providing campers unique one-on-one experiences with individuals who have lived up to the camp’s four principals in their own right.

Applications are still available for this year’s June 29-30 camp, which takes place immediately following the annual CPN Family Reunion Festival. Students from first through eighth grade are eligible

to participate at \$15 per camper. Campers will receive lunch each day, a camp T-shirt and only need to bring a bottle of water with their name on it. Girls and boys are encouraged to attend; with both groups able to receive either football or softball sports skills instructions.

“The softball aspect is new to the camp this year,” explained Lawerance. “We will have softball coaches working with the young ladies. They will learn proper nutrition, strength and conditioning as well as throwing, catching and hitting. We are very excited to implement this into this fantastic camp.”

A registration form can be downloaded here: tinyurl.com/CPNDOC15

For more information, please contact Sarah Lawerance at 405-395-9304 or by emailing skessler@potawatomi.org.



Anderson Duffell lines up for a drill at the 2014 camp.

CPN Police train on opiate drug overdose response techniques

According to The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Oklahoma is ranked No.1 in the United States for nonmedical use of pain relievers for all age categories. In 2009 alone, 83 percent of drug overdose deaths in Oklahoma were a result of some form of pharmaceutical drugs.

For many rural Oklahomans who live far from hospitals whose staff are trained to deal with overdoses, law enforcement agencies like the Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s Tribal Police are often the first on the scene to deal with these situations.

Lisa Watson, Certified Prevention Specialist for Gateway to Prevention in Shawnee, Okla., recently organized a training event for area first responders to learn new approaches in dealing with this deadly issue.



Major Jody Opela attended the opiate overdose training and will lead the CPN P.D.'s own training.

“It’s important for police officers to have this training because they usually are the first responders in rural areas,” said Watson. “Prescription drug use is the number one killer for drug users in Oklahoma. This is a very serious problem and it’s important for our first responders to have this training.”

Officer Anthony First of the Tulsa Police Department Special Operations Team and a paramedic with 20 years’ experience conducted the training session. In attendance for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Police department were Major Jody Opela, Major Kurt Shirey and Assistant Director of Support Services Sheila McDaniel.

“So often our officers are the first to respond to a number of various type incidents,” said Major Shirey. “Our ability and willingness to administer the opioid antagonists when the

need arises will save lives within the Tribal community and around Pottawatomie County.”

Given the expanse of enterprises and jurisdiction the Tribal police is responsible for, chances are high that officers may encounter an individual who has overdosed on an opiate.

“We are an innovative and progressive department,” said Major Shirey. “Anything we can do to stay ahead of the game, in this case to save lives, we are going to do just that.”

The CPN Police department will have every officer trained in the use of the Naloxone kit in the near future which will be led by the department heads who were in attendance.

For more information please contact the CPN Police Department at 405-878-4818.

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Legislator, District 13

It has been my honor and privilege to serve our Tribe since 2007. First as a member of the Business Committee then as the District 13 Legislator.

I am asking for your continued trust and and your vote in the upcoming election. As our nation continues to grow it is important for the executive team and the legislature to continue to work together towards continued success of our enterprises so that we can continue to provide benefits to our members. I hope to continue this work on behalf of the members I represent in Oklahoma.

Please attend the Family Reunion Festival on Saturday June 27th and cast your vote in person or return your ballot request when it arrives. Your vote counts!

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A THANK YOU FROM DAVID BARRETT

Bozho,

I want to say a word to express to our membership my appreciation for allowing me to embark on another four years as your humble legislator. Looking back at the last two terms that I have served the Nation, it just seems like yesterday. I am my own worst critic, but what you expect from me is no less than what I must render from myself. I believe I have accomplished:

- Conducting research
- Being more active in our Nation’s business
- Attending as many of the different functions performed though the Nation as possible
- Trying to understand the needs of our people
- Carrying the needs through a legislative voice to make or improve the Tribe
- Working first for the membership, then the Nation, then my goals

It is my pleasure and honor to represent you by being your legislator. Thank you. My concern as an independent thinker, is would I be able to make a difference and be allowed to bring different views and comments to each decision that was needed during my tenure? These have been accomplished and I hope to continue this independent thinking forward for the Nation with our legislative and executive branches.

Migwetch
David Barrett • District #10 Legislator



Bozho, Nikan (Hello, my friend)

Next month I will celebrate 30 years in office as the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Chairman. The everyday reality of being Tribal chairman is one that reminds me of the old vaudevillian jugglers that appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show in the 1950s and 60s.

The juggler would set a plate spinning on the top of a stick and then start another spinning on another stick, repeating the feat until he had over a dozen spinning while he jumped back and forth to give a wobbling plate another boost of speed with his fingers. With the "juggling" of the daily demands of construction projects, expanded Tribal services, the nasty political confrontations with the City of Shawnee and Governor Mary Fallin's Office and representing the Nation on various boards and panels, I often fail to do something that I think of doing every

Tribal Chairman – John “Rocky” Barrett

day. That is to say thank you.

My position as Tribal chairman is the greatest honor of my life. Each day of my work is exciting, challenging, and full of things that have kept me feeling young and needed. I look forward to each day, admittedly some more than others, but always with appreciation to you, the people of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, for electing me these past 30 years. I am so very proud of the organization that is your present Tribal government, from our unique legislature, our expert judicial branch and our incredibly valuable Vice-Chairman Linda Capps and Secretary-Treasurer D.Wayne Trousdale who round out the executive branch.

Last week I was invited to attend an unveiling of a set of banners placed in the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C. by the Honoring Nations Program, which is sponsored by the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Three outstanding tribal accomplishments were recognized as "Permanent All Stars" in Indian Country.

They are the Skilled Care and Nursing Home facility of the Tohono O'odham Nation in Arizona, the restoration



Court clerk Joie White and Judge Wahpepah swear in the 1985 Tribal government election winners Toby Kinslow, Francis Levier, John “Rocky” Barrett and Hilton Melot.

of the Walleyed Pike in Red Lake by the Red Lake Band of Chippewa and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Constitutional Reform Project of 2007.

Without your support in this great experiment in tribal government, we would not be the only tribe out of 566 federally recognized tribes in the United States to have the right to vote for elected representation for every enrolled Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal member, no matter where they live. We are

now recognized nationally for this accomplishment in creating a government that works, that is not tied to a place, but to the blood we share as Citizen Potawatomi Indians. The greatest honor I can imagine is your vote to serve as the Tribal chairman of this government. It has shaped my career, my family, and virtually my life.

So, forgive me for not saying it as often as I think of it: *Thank you, Migwetch* (Potawatomi for "Thank you") and *Igweyen* – ("Thank

you from my heart").

Thank you to each of my fellow elected officials. Thank you to each valued employee of our 2,200 plus staff, and thank you to each of the 31,000 Citizen Potawatomi who are my family. *Jagenagenon*. "For All My Relations."

Sincerely,

John Barrett, *Keweoge He Leads Them Home*
Tribal Chairman



Vice-Chairman – Linda Capps

much...until it's needed. I am dedicating this article to highlight the one service that is set aside for all Tribal members, but the claim to the service will actually be processed by either a spouse or relative. The main reason that the burial policy deserves some attention is because it is misinterpreted from time to time.

Not a life insurance policy

First and foremost, it is *not* a life insurance policy; rather it is a burial policy. This simply means that the purpose of the \$2,000 is to go toward the Tribal member's burial.

I realize that many people have their final arrangements prepaid, which is good. In those cases, the burial policy will be signed over to the beneficiary. For those who have not paid the final arrangements in full, the \$2,000 will be assigned to the funeral home or other

entity handling the final arrangements. More and more often in today's environment, final arrangements point to cremation. It is merely each person's preference...a preference that should be shared with family members.

The CPN Tribal Government established the burial policy in 1995. At that time, a form was required to be on file in Tribal Rolls in order for the policy to be valid. That requirement changed in the early 2000s. A form is no longer required to be on file, but it is certainly more convenient for the departing Tribal member's family. Presently, Tribal Rolls which is located at the Cultural Heritage Center, manages the burial policy paperwork. Charles Clark is the director of Tribal Rolls. If you have questions, his department can be reached at 405-878-5830 or 1-800-880-9800.

Death certificate is required

The important thing to know is that the burial policy paperwork is processed upon receipt of the death certificate along with the funeral home or crematory document. It is best to contact Tribal Rolls to inform the staff that the Tribal member has died. You will then be instructed on exactly what to do. The staff will then document on the deceased Tribal member's profile the date of the death and who reported the death.

The full burial fund enrollment form can be downloaded online at <http://tinyurl.com/CPNBurial> or by scanning the QR Code with your smartphone that is at the end of this column. Also, if in need, contact Tribal Rolls at 405-878-5830 or 1-800-880-9800.

In addition, all of the CPN Legislators usually have copies of the form at the various district legislative meetings. Please consider

submitting a completed form so this task will be accomplished prior to a time that may be extremely stressful for your family.

By the time you receive this edition of the *Hownikan*, I will see many of you in just a few days. I am anxious for you to see another year of progress at your Nation.

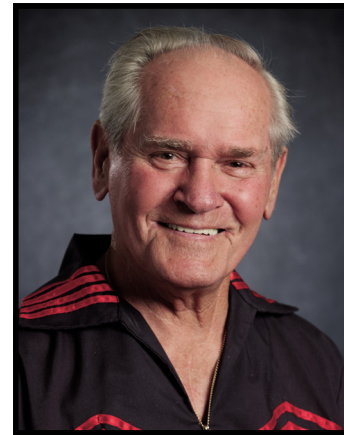
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Bozho Nikan,

It has been a busy time here for the last few weeks, preparing for a joint meeting for my District 1 members and Jon Boursaw's District 4 members. The meeting was held at the American Indian Center of the Great Plains and hosted by John Learned, the CEO of the center.

We were honored with the presence of Chairman Barrett and Vice-Chairman Capps. Chairman Barrett gave an update on the tax problems the

District 1 – Roy Slavin

Nation has with the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the ongoing problems with the City of Shawnee's Commission. Vice-Chairman Capps spoke of the programs and benefits available to CPN members and I believe she also interviewed two students for the Potawatomi Leadership Program.

We, the CPN membership, are indeed fortunate to have this team leading our Nation forward.

Prizes were given for our wisest member, our youngest member and the one who traveled the farthest to the meeting. Our wisest member was Lyman Boursaw, our youngest member was Haley Lockrey of Shawnee, Kan. while he who traveled the farthest was Jim Lewis of Springfield, Mo.

Lunch was prepared by Q39, a restaurant located on West 39th Street in Kansas City. They



Marie and Lester Hash, Jacqueline and Rob Farr, Rick Bledsoe, Patti and Randy Bledsoe.

serve some of Kansas City's finest BBQ. Those of you who live in K.C. should check it out.

It has been just over two years since our CPN Aviary became the first Native American aviary to release an eagle back into the wild. *Wadase Zhabwe* (Brave Breakthrough) was fitted with a back pack containing telemetry equipment. She continues to amaze the experts with the

amount of data her telemetry is providing. Some of this data gives real meaning to our creation story where it says the Creator sent for the eagle, the bird that flies higher, farther and faster than all of God's creatures.

Wadase Zhabwe telemetry indicates she has reached altitudes of 9,000 ft., or 1.7 miles, and has reached speeds

of 55 mph. Not bad for a bird some believed would never fly again.



Chairman and Wisest Lyman Boursaw.

Igwieen (heartfelt thanks) for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving as your legislative representative.

Roy
Netagtege (Always Planting)

District 2 – Eva Marie Carney



Bozho nikanek (Hello friends)!

Winning entry in the District 2 Story Contest: Thanks to everyone who participated in the annual contest. This year I solicited submissions of Potawatomi-focused stories and here is the grand prize winning story, submitted by Susie Gretler of San Diego. It made my heart soar when I read it!

Migwetch (thank you) Susie for sharing your *Gokmes!* Grandmother story with us.

Grandmother and the Library

In a handwritten message to one of her sons who had requested a family history, my grandmother, Mary Frigon Whistler, wrote as she remembered: "My information is neither voluminous nor first hand. However, history itself is based largely on word of mouth and conjecture." "Our histories, while varied, carry us along the journey." This story about my grandmother says a lot about the times in which she lived and it still has relevance in today's challenging times, for all of us need to be reminded of the importance of human dignity, integrity and acceptance.

Grandmother Whistler was born a Potawatomi, but was not allowed to live as one. Interrupting her childhood, she was sent from her home and family to Lawrence, Kansas to attend Haskell Institute. The purpose was the same as for so many youth: to learn the "proper" way of doing things, to learn the culture, language and religion of the white man, to no longer be a "savage". She

was taught library skills and, following this time, set off to live her life. By the time she had settled in Drumright, Oklahoma as a young wife with a love for books, she had learned that in order to live the life she wanted for herself and family she must deny who she truly was, to hide her proud Native American Heritage. Grandmother began work in the local book bindery, and organized ways to ensure that some of the books could be shared. The WPA around that time built a small library in Drumright.

I feel this brave, kind, selfless and generous act that took so

photographs, etc. to share.

Florida: CPN citizen and Florida International University School of Law Professor David Walter was our gracious host for the District 2 meeting in Miami, Fla. on April 25. Thank you to all who attended. The size of the group allowed for a significant amount of visiting time and interaction. Among the attendees were our wisest



Mary M. Fair and Eva Marie Carney in Miami 2015

much human compassion on Grandmother's part sets an example for us all to follow. As we consider current issues of exclusion, intolerance and prejudice, let us remember the difference that one person can make to right wrongs, through understanding and compassion for others.

District 2 News

Georgia: The last of the spring meetings takes place Sat., June 6 in Norcross, Ga., from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., on the patio of Ippolito's, 5277 Peachtree Parkway. The restaurant telephone number is 770-663-0050 and website is www.ippolitos.net. The patio holds 60 people so please RSVP as soon as you know you can attend and if needed I'll keep a waiting list. Lunch will be served and I'd appreciate your bringing your stories and items of your family history,

and farthest travelled honoree, Mrs. Mary M. Fair of South Carolina, a DeGraff family member, and our youngest honoree, Georgina Simonson, a Melott family member.

Floridian Ted Welfelt/*Mkede neka* shared his hands-on techniques for crafting drums and eagle bone whistles, and for preparing feathers for ceremony. Next year's Florida meetings will take place in the Clearwater or Boca Raton areas of the state. Photos from the meeting – including photos of our youngest, Ted teaching the group and a "travelogue" with Miami, Everglades, Miccosukee Nation and Big Cypress National Preserve photos are on my website under the Photos tab. Florida is beautiful country! A photo of me with lovely Mrs. Fair is included here.

Maryland: We will have another opportunity to tour the Potawatomi items in the archives of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, in Suitland, Md. on Fri., October 9, 2015. The address is 4220 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Md.; tour time is 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will have lunch before at Sweet Dee's, in the Resource Center Complex, starting at 12:30 p.m.. We will view Potawatomi beadwork, weavings, household goods and more. Space is highly limited, so reserve yours today. I scheduled this for the Friday before a long weekend, so that may allow folks from out of town to spend a family weekend in Washington.

Hand Games During Festival: There will be a District 2 hand games team, with team hats from FireLake Design, as has become our tradition. You don't need experience to play, just enthusiasm and some stamina. Please let me know if you can join our team on the Friday night of Festival, June 26, in the Roundhouse.

Please contact me to share your thoughts and for any assistance you might need. *Migwetch* (thank you) for the honor of representing you. *Bama pi* (until later).

A few weeks after our meeting, Mrs. Fair walked on. She was so lively and pleased to be ticking off a bucket list item by attending the CPN meeting with her daughter Barbara Fair Little. District 2 extends its collective heart and sympathies to Barbara and all Mrs. Fair's relations.

Legislator Eva Marie Carney *Ojindiskwe* (Bluebirdwoman) ecarney@potawatomi.org CPN Legislative District #2 701 8th Street NW, #340 Washington, D.C. 20001 toll free 1-866-961-6988 evamariecarney.com



Bozho Nikan (Hello friend)

I am writing this month’s column while in the Chicago area assisting my daughter, Kim move into the new condo that she purchased. She asked me to not only come to help her with the unpacking, but to pray that she would have good health, and that it will be a good place to live.

I sought the council of a very knowledgeable *Anishinaabe* on how to go about praying to the Creator. He advised that I should offer prayer in our normal fashion. To me that meant a prayer that honors the four directions, the Creator, mother earth and to all the people. He also advised that I should smudge or offer smoke to the Creator while praying. So, I brought my abalone shell, and sema (mixture of sweet grass, tobacco, cedar, and sage) with me, to make a smoke offering to creator as we prayed, and went through her new residence.

Fortunately, several years ago, at the Gathering hosted by the Potawatomi nations, I was gifted a small Lexicon from the Wasauksing First Nation that contained several prayers. Some of you may find yourselves wishing to pray as an *Anishinaabe*, so I am offering you this prayer

District 3 – Bob Whistler

for your future use.

The Lexicon contents including the prayer were dedicated to the memory of Linda Welling, *Maahmon Kwe* (Prayer Woman). I thank the *Wasauksing* for honoring her, for creating the Lexicon, and gifting it to me at their Gathering and allowing me to reprint this prayer. I hope you find the prayer useful and wish you a wonderful, healthful, and fruitful 2015.

I am honored and proud to be the representative for District 3 and am here to serve you. If you believe that I can assist you in some fashion, please feel free to contact me. In just a few days we will be holding our annual Family Festival. So far, I have about twelve constituents who have asked to be given their Potawatomi names. I will be holding that naming ceremony on Saturday morning, June 27 at 7 a.m. If you would like to attend, please see me at the Festival and I will let you know where it is to be held.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Family festival and until then,

bama pi. (Later.)

Bob Whistler
Bmashi (He soars)
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District 4 – Jon Boursaw

Upcoming activities and events:

On June 1 and June 4, I will be giving the CPN History Presentation at the Shawnee County Historical Society Summer Youth Camp. I will give the presentation to three sessions both days with approximately 50 students (Grades 3-5) in each session.

Judy and Jack Hill will celebrate their seventieth Wedding Anniversary on Sun., June 7 in Lawrence, Kan. Judy is a descendant of the Bourassa and Ogee families and was a cousin to my late father.

<i>N' Wi Madmo</i>	<i>I am going to pray</i>
<i>Mishomsinaan Waabanong gmiiigwechwendimigoo maanda minobimaadiziwin jeh aanji kendimaang nishinaabemwin.</i>	<i>Grandfather to the East, we give Thanks for the Good life That we relearn our language.</i>
<i>Mishomsinaan, Zhaawanong, gmiiigwechwendimigoo jeh minobimaadiziwaat, jeh mshkowendimowaat niijaansinaanik.</i>	<i>Grandfather to the South we give Thanks that our children have good health, that they be strong.</i>
<i>Mishomsinaan, Epgishmog, gmiiigwechwendimigoo mshkowendimowin gchindendimowin, miinwaa jeh mishkowendimowaat kinah ndanwemaagnidak.</i>	<i>Grandfather to the West we give Thanks for our strength for happiness and the Strength of all our families</i>
<i>Mishomsinaan, Giuwedinong zhewenim eh aakziji jeh minoyaawaat, miigwech minobimaadiziwin</i>	<i>Grandfather to the North pty those who are suffering that they too have good health Thank you for all good health.</i>
<i>Mishomis Schkaabewis, gmiiigwechwendimigoo, jeneh waamdamaang gehnizhaayaang Nokmis, wiidookooshnong jeh zhawendimaangedwaa nwiijeh bemaadizijig.</i>	<i>Grandfather who walks the day sky we give Thanks, That we have good direction. Grandmother who walks the night sky Help us to have compassion for the lives of others.</i>
<i>Schkaakmiikwe, gmiiigwechwendimigoo maanda mniss endaayaang miinwaa kinah emiizyaang. Gzhiminido geh giin, gmiiigwechwendimigoo maanda Anishinaabemaadziwen miinwaa kinah bimaadiziwen.</i>	<i>Mother Earth, we give Thanks for this island that we live on, for all that you provide. Great Forgiving Spirit to you we give Thanks for Our Anishinaabe Ways, for all of Life itself.</i>
<i>Miigwech, ehgeemingomen gug wis Jesus E'oh</i>	<i>Thank you for giving us your son, Jesus Amen</i>

On the last Saturday in April at the Combat Air Museum Celebrity Pancake Breakfast in Topeka I had the opportunity to spend a few minutes speaking with US Senator Jerry Moran. Senator Moran currently serves on the Senate Indian Affairs Committee and the Veteran Affairs Committee.

CPN Kansas History and Uniontown:

On May 8 I had an opportunity, along with Tom Ellis from the Kansas Historical Society Foundation, to meet and tour with Lee Kreutzer, who is a

staff member with the U.S. National Park Service in Washington D.C. She was very interested in researching and identifying that section of the Oregon Trail from Big Springs, Kan. through Topeka to the Kansas River crossing at Uniontown, which is near present day Willard. She was particularly interested in learning more about Uniontown and the Potawatomi Baptist Mission. Tom Ellis, among other things, is the author of the poem “Potawatomi Uniontown Lament” which appeared in last November’s *Hownikan*.

As always, it is my pleasure to serve as your Legislative Representative.

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District 5 – Gene Lambert

so exciting to reconnect with each of you during the year.

I just wanted to take a moment to let you all know I have reopened “Facebook” under my name and District 5 of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Being able to connect daily is a good thing and I am looking forward to it.

May I also caution you as to what you write there as

the whole world is in view. There are some subjects difficult to address in that manner.

If there is something personal you wish to share or ask about you can always call or email me to give you a call.

Sharing your ideas, thoughts, concerns...great!

You can even let us know your profession so

everyone will know there is a Potawatomi on board who would appreciate their business.

I am now also on LinkedIn.

The new website has been launched for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation District 5 under www.CPN05.com. We had a lot of complaints about how hard it is to remember. We made a lot of changes at your request.

Please send any pictures via email you would like to have added to the website.

Let’s keep it growing and going.

See you all soon,

Eunice Imogene Lambert
Gene Lambert
Legislator,
Citizen Potawatomi Nation,
District 5



Ahau Jayek,

District 6 – Rande K. Payne

trip home. We’ve traveled many miles together and it’s always good to road trip with them. Thanks for being there and all your help brothers!

Speaking of road trips, are you coming to Festival this year? Since both of my brothers are retired now, they are opting to drive to Oklahoma as there are no issues with vacation days, work schedules etc. Their plans are to do some sightseeing after Festival on the trip home. When I asked them how long they planned to stay out, the response was “as long as it takes.”

As much as I enjoy working, I have to say I wish I had the time to join them! Maybe next year I can do it their way!

But I am definitely counting down the days. As hard as it is for me to get away these days I am in need of having some fun and Family Reunion Festival is *the* place for fun! If you’ve ever been then you know what I mean. If you haven’t had the opportunity to enjoy a Reunion Festival then I hope you are able to come see what it’s all about this year.

I would like to thank everyone in Shawnee in advance for the work that is going on right now that is sure to make this the most enjoyable Family Reunion Festival ever. I can’t even imagine the amount of planning and preparation that goes into such a well-organized event. I am in awe every year at how well everything is laid

out for everyone to enjoy.

If you will be at the event and would like to connect my cell phone number is 559-999-5411. I would be very interested in meeting up with you. If you have questions about anything, need assistance of any kind or just want to hang out for a bit please give me a call! I would love to hear from you!

In closing I would like to congratulate Bobbi Bowden and Sam Navarre on well ran campaigns. No matter who’s elected, the big winner is District 13 and the entire Citizen Potawatomi Nation. I look forward to congratulating and working with whoever the voters in District 13 decide on. Good luck Bobbi and Sam!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in a couple weeks!

Bama mine,

“In this year of Jubilee everyone returns home to his family property.” Leviticus 25:13 (MSG)

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District 7 – Mark Johnson

when one morning just after sunrise as I was starting my daily chore of shoveling the night’s horse manure out of the pens, my wife, who was following me down the hill to the horse pens, slipped and broke her ankle.

As I have spoken before in this column, make sure you have a plan in an emergency. In this case, I had one, it just didn’t match up exactly with the plan my wife had.

The firefighter in me wanted to scoop her up and head for the hospital, she reminded me in only the way she can, that the animals always come

first. And she was right, not because they are animals, but because they are living creatures, just like us, who at that point in time were dependant on us for food and water.

Life always has a way of reminding one of the important things like why I became a firefighter, and why I ran to be your representative. It was to make the world a better place, even in just some small way and hopefully impact someone along the way to do the same. Eight screws and a steel plate later, she is on the mend.

The part about shoveling horse manure reminds me of what I was going to address in the missed column; the City of Shawnee and the nonsense that they continue to spread from city hall. It is unfortunate that the resources of the city are wasted by a handful, when the vast majority of residents support the tribes. One would have thought that by 2015 we could have moved past the attacks on success that the city has launched. Disgraceful.

Once again I would like to say what an honor and privilege it is to serve you as your

District 7 representative. As always give me a call and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you may need to access Tribal benefits that you are entitled to.

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Bozho, Nikan!

This issue of the *Hownikan* will be received around election time and be available throughout the Family Festival weekend of June 26-28. If you are reading this, you probably aren't the person I'm talking about, but please keep reading. I have one simple word for all members: *Vote!*



Bozho,

Are we losing our young people?

If you are listening to various groups of people, this may be what you take away from their conversations. Look at the unemployment rate for our youth, our education programs, family units, morality, our job market and look at drugs' impact on society.

I know that on the large scale we are succeeding in turning young people into productive and responsible individuals. However, why are we accepting the numbers of those who are struggling?

It's harder to get into the workforce today due to not having the right skills. Is this

District 8 – Dave Carney

This election cycle for the Nation brings only one contested race and the up or down vote on the set aside budget. In last year's election there were two contests, District 7 and District 8. In District 8 we had an approximately 130 voters participate out of approximately 2,000 eligible votes, a 7 percent turnout.

Nationwide, in the 2014 U.S. general election, just 36.4 percent of the eligible voters cast ballots. This was the lowest turnout since World War II.

Both candidates for District 13 representative are fine people. Bobbi Bowden, the incumbent, offers years of

experience in the role and continuity of her leadership. Her challenger, Sam Navarre, has worked for the Nation in a variety of jobs and has a wealth of cultural and linguistic knowledge. The choice is yours and you'll be well served regardless of who wins the seat.

Again, *please* vote. You can make your voice heard and you shouldn't complain if you don't vote!

On May 9, we had a naming ceremony in Beaverton, Ore. at the home of Dr. Steve Lynch. Four members received their Indian names in an early morning gathering with a breakfast feast following.

District 10 – David Barrett

due to our educators telling students to get a degree? I have no problem with this if they would go a little bit further and explain if you get this degree you may not find a job in that field.

Colleges and universities want your money, allowing you to go in debt. High schools and colleges both should have jobs and internships with businesses to compliment students' studies. Jobs demand different skills in this high tech era. Some students think that as soon as they receive a degree the jobs start to pour in. Not so.

Some companies will hire young people and train them in certain fields. Even our Nation has the Potawatomi Leadership Program that will bring in students who qualify during the summer. By integrating our students in the stream with what they are thinking about as their field of choice, we help shorten their paths to success.

Most young people have a plan or are instructed by their parents on the different fields

or skills they should obtain. But I'm mainly talking about those students who were like me when I was young who, to put it simply, didn't have a clue.

I was the first of three boys to go to college, not because my parents wanted me to, but because they couldn't afford to even pay for the books. My high school counselor advised me not to go to a major university due to my ACT test scores. At that time I chose to go to a high ranking junior college instead, and guess what?

Yep, the dean of college challenged me to seek a different field rather than my chosen one of civil engineering. I told him if I didn't make the dean's honor roll I wouldn't be there the next semester.

After two years maintaining over a 4.0 GPA, I entered the University of Oklahoma's engineering college as a mechanical engineering major. The dean there stated the same thing, again basing his assessment on my ACT test scores. During the

Please mark your calendars for a Tribal area gathering on August 15, 2015 in Anchorage, Alaska. We will meet for dinner, presentations and fellowship at the Lidia Selkregg Chalet, 1600 Lidia Selkregg Ln. in Anchorage. Look for postcards in the mail and please be sure to RSVP.

Looking further ahead, I have booked the Duwamish Longhouse in Seattle, Wash. for our annual Fall Feast. The date of this event is November 14, 2015, so please mark your calendars and get in a little early Christmas shopping in Seattle.

In closing, I'd like to say it

is an honor serving you and I look forward to hearing from you. If you leave a message on the office voicemail, please speak as clearly and slowly as you can when providing a call back number. I have had a few phone numbers that were unintelligible and it is frustrating for everyone if I can't call you back.

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summer, I could not get a summer job at Halliburton or Texas Instruments, so I changed my major to accounting while working at Kerr McGee Corporation and graduated from OU.

While at Worthington Pump as a financial manager, the company paid for us to earn a master's degree in business and I ended up graduating with high honors. This is too much personal information, but my point is to caution individuals on how they make statements concerning testing results to young people. I also encourage those same young people to challenge yourselves.

Self-esteem is made of the thoughts, feeling and opinions we have about ourselves. That means self-esteem isn't fixed. It can change, depending on the way we think. Over time, habits of negative thinking about ourselves can lower self-esteem. By changing the way you think about yourself, you can change the way you feel about yourself.

See you at the Festival.

you will make mistakes. Everyone does. They're part of learning. Instead of thinking, "I always mess up," remind yourself that it's not about always, just this specific situation. What can you do differently next time?

Remind yourself that everyone excels at different things, and set goals. Take pride in your opinions as ideas. Don't be afraid to voice them. If someone disagrees, it's not a reflection on your worth or your intelligence. That person just sees things differently from you.

To conclude: When we feel great, a smile comes naturally. It's an outward sign of joy, happiness, appreciation, amusement, excitement or contentment.

See you at the Festival.

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View mistakes as learning opportunities. Accept that



Red Dirt Roads

Did you know that we have issued over 17,000 Tribal vehicle tags to our members since 2005? Over the last 10 years, Cheryl Tainpeah and her staff at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tag Agency have worked tirelessly (no pun intended) saving our members money. As you make your way to Shawnee for our 2015 Heritage Festival, please stop by the CPN Tag Agency to see how much money your family can save each year by using this Tribal service.

For those members that live outside of Oklahoma and

District 11 – Lisa Kraft

drive motor homes fulltime, please talk with Cheryl or her staff about the cost savings of renewing your annual tag through our Nation. You will need to declare an Oklahoma address even if you travel most of the time. The Tag Agency will be open on the Saturday of Festival, June 27, 2015. So, before you cast your vote that morning or before you attend General Council at 3 p.m. be sure and visit the CPN Tag Agency.

For reporting purposes, our Tribal tag year is May 1 through April 31. During the last period of 2014-2015, our tag agency issued or renewed 2,622 tags. This number breaks down into 2,443 autos, including travel trailers, recreational vehicles, and motor homes, 85 motorcycles, 80 farm tags and 14 utility trailers.

A new option with registration is the ability to decide whether you want a portion of your tag fee

to be donated to a specific private or church-affiliated school in your community or the public school system where you live. For this last reporting period, our Nation estimates that it will donate over \$259,000 to Oklahoma public schools. This means that each time I get a new tag or renew one, I can ask that the donation be made to St. Mary's Catholic School in Guthrie. In fact, you can ask that your tag fee be donated to any school district or private-church school anywhere in Oklahoma.

For me, the three best things about getting your vehicle tags through our Nation are paying less, displaying Potawatomi pride and donating to Oklahoma education. Every time I drive to Shawnee and see a Tribal license plate, I smile to myself. To the 2,622 Tribal members that have current tags, thank you so much for utilizing the CPN Tag Agency. It was an uphill



Red Dirt Tag

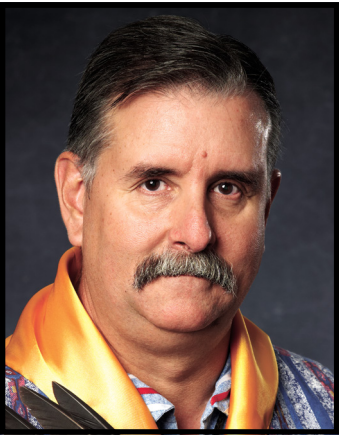
battle to get to issue our own tags. This win, 10 years ago, is yet another outward expression of our Tribal sovereignty.

Chances are high my tag will look just like this picture; covered in red dirt. As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.

If you ever see me around Guthrie or Stillwater please give me a wave. My farm tag has a personal tag that reads CBFRM. This is short for Copper Bear Farms. Our website is www.CopperBearFarms.com.

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District 12 – Paul Schmidkofer



Bozho Nikan,

Family Festival is here. I want to encourage everyone to come out and participate this year. There are plenty of things to do with activities, from horseshoes to bead

work. As always, there will be plenty of food. I always look forward to the traditional Potawatomi bratwurst and have become a fan of the smoked bologna. Judging from my fellow Tribal members I am not alone in this appreciation.

I will be there as much as possible as in years past. Please, if you see me, feel free to stop me to visit. I always enjoy catching up with you and hearing your concerns or questions. I will be there again for the hand games on Friday night.

Over the years this has become a very competitive activity. If you're new, I will tell you that the Potawatomi Leadership Program, or PLP interns, seem to always be in the thick of it. The PLP bring a very strong team that is filled with enthusiasm and energy. In addition, some of the regions have developed winners over the years and the competition among them is quite entertaining.

Please don't forget to make it out Saturday morning for the voting. It takes place at the Tribal courtroom in the

administration building from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. This is a vital part of our government which all members should embrace. It is through your involvement at this stage that we have been able to progress as a Nation. If you are unsure where this is, just ask any of the staff or Tribal legislators.

In closing, I want to thank you for the opportunity you have allowed me to have serving you as a legislator. I take this duty very seriously as I have just as much as you invested in our heritage and

future. I truly want our nation to succeed and prosper. As you do, I want my grandkids to be able to come here and find this part of their heritage in the future.

Bama pi,
Paul Schmidkofer

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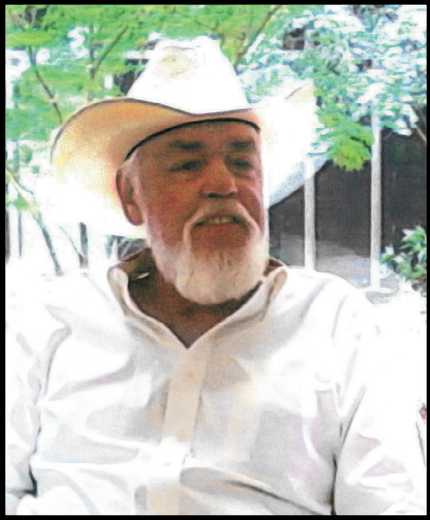
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William (Bill) Odis Clark



William (Bill) Odis Clark, 67, passed from this life on February 21, 2015 in Shawnee. Bill was born November 4, 1947 in Altus, Okla. to Mae Dean Burgett Clark and Melvin Andrew Clark. Bill graduated from high school in Altus and worked in Altus and Oklahoma City areas as an adult. Bill worked as a fork lift driver in Oklahoma City, Okla. and in Shawnee at both TDK and Alco. Bill was a veteran having served in the Vietnam War.

Bill enjoyed playing coed softball, volleyball and enjoyed watching favorite teams: OU football & basketball and NFL Dallas Cowboys. Bill enjoyed watching Dillen play sports.

He is missed by family and friends. Bill was preceded in death by parents, two sisters Mary Lynn Hillemeier, and Tamiris (Tammy) Brandt and one brother David Wayne Clark.

Bill married Rosie Canfield on September 17, 2003.

Bill is survived by wife, Rosie and son Dillen Clark of the home, sisters Audrey Edgewenna Fritsche of Georgia, and Carol Shockley of Oklahoma City and brother Craig Clark of Oklahoma City. Also two daughters Leeann Clark of Oklahoma City, Christy Clark of Woodward, Okla. and son Melvin (Cowboy) Clark of Oklahoma City, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, close cousins Mike Burgett and Billy Don Burgett, and many friends and family.

Marcella Evelyn Bertrand Cherry



Marcella Evelyn Bertrand Cherry, 94, of Kilgore, passed away March 10, 2015 at a local nursing center. She was born October 8, 1920 in Ponca City, Okla. to L.H. and Nancy Elizabeth

Bertrand. She married Ben T. Cherry on July 4, 1936 in Seminole, Okla. He preceded her in death on May 22, 1996. She was a member of the Eastview Church of God in Kilgore.

She is survived by her son: Glen Cherry and his wife Patricia of Kilgore; daughter: Maryetta Jane Woods of Snyder, Texas; 14 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren as well as a number of great-great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one daughter: Wanda L. Bradshaw and one sister, Roberta.

Funeral services were held March 12, 2015 at the Chapel of Lakeview Funeral Home with Rev. Donald G. Herring officiating. Interment followed in Kilgore Memorial Gardens.

Destry Lee Dailey



Destry Lee Dailey, 43, Oskaloosa, Kan. died March 29, 2015 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital Emergency Room.

Destry was born February 25, 1972 at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., the son of Danny Lee and Ann Catherine Moeller Dailey. He was a 1990 graduate of Oskaloosa High School and earned an A. A. degree in Farm and Ranch Management from Garden City Community College in 1994.

Destry worked as a truck driver and forklift operator for BC&R Storage Company in Lawrence. He enjoyed farming and ranching and had formerly worked for the Dailey Ag Services in Oskaloosa, Nortonville Farm Supply and for several trucking companies. He enjoyed truck and tractor pulling events and was a first class tinkerer

mechanic around the farm and shop. He was a baptized member of Oskaloosa United Methodist Church, and he attended and was a member of the Metzger Church, Oskaloosa.

Destry was preceded in death by his dad, Danny Lee Dailey on December 16, 2005. He is survived by one son, Jared Peter Dailey, Adams, NY, his mother and stepdad, Ann Cathy and Gus Barnett, Oskaloosa, one brother, Brian Scoob Dailey, Oskaloosa, one step-brother, Jake (Beth) Barnett, Oskaloosa, two step-sisters, Samantha (Chad) Frickey, Lawrence, Katie (Skylar) Jones, Topeka, his maternal grandfather, Thomas Moeller, Oskaloosa, many aunts, uncles, nieces, cousins, extended family and a literal host of friends who loved him. He will be missed and never forgotten.

Services were at the Oskaloosa United Methodist Church with burial at Pleasant View Cemetery, Oskaloosa. Memorials are suggested to the Jared P. Dailey Education Fund in care of the Funeral Home, P.O. Box 602, Oskaloosa, KS. 66066. www.barnettfamilyfh.com Destry Lee Dailey - See more at <http://tinyurl.com/DLDaileyKS>.

Gaye Lynn (Hollingsworth) Sisney



Gaye Lynn (Hollingsworth) Sisney, 57, of Tecumseh, Okla. passed away Sunday, April 26, 2015 in Moore, Okla.

She was born on September 29, 1957 to Tony Preston and Barbara Ann (Copeland) Hollingsworth in Shawnee, Okla.

Gaye Lynn was raised in Tecumseh and attended Tecumseh and Macomb Public Schools. She was a 1974

graduate of Macomb High School.

After high school she toured with Mel Tillis and handled the souvenir sales. In 1971 she was voted Tecumseh's Ideal Miss. She enjoyed painting and craftwork. Her grandchildren and nephews were the focal point of her life.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Barbara Hollingsworth; brother, Jesse Joe Hollingsworth; and grandmother, Ruby Inez Jones.

Gaye Lynn is survived by daughter, Misty Conover of Noble, Okla.; son, Bo Green of Tecumseh; father, Tony Hollingsworth of Tecumseh; two granddaughters, Megan Conover and Jayden Green; grandson, Dylan Conover; sister and brother-in-law, Toni and Ronnie Johnson of Noble; nephews, Christopher Motley, Dakota Motley and Kyle Johnson, all of Noble; niece, Miranda Kelley of Oklahoma City, Okla. and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Services were held April 30, 2015 at Cooper Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Larry Hart officiating. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park in Shawnee under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh. To share memories, or to sign the guest book on-line, go to www.cooperfuneral.com.

Paul L. DeGraff



Paul L. DeGraff, born Aug. 21, 1927, died Feb. 16, 2015, is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Norma; children, Judith DeGraff, Kim (David) Carlson, and Dan DeGraff; grandchildren, Stephanie, Nathan, Ian, Courtney, and Mary; great-grandchild, Kaden; sister, GeorgEllen Venturella.

A private family service planned for a later date.

CPN burial assistance through Tribal Rolls

The \$2,000 CPN Burial Assistance Fund is automatically available to all enrolled CPN members. You may fill out a burial assistance fund form if you would like for us to keep it on file in case of any change in resolutions.

Please note: Once a CPN Tribal member has passed, the Tribal Rolls office must

be notified in order for CPN to provide burial funding. Information and instructions for the burial process will be sent to the next of kin and will be discussed then.

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